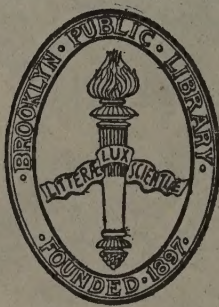


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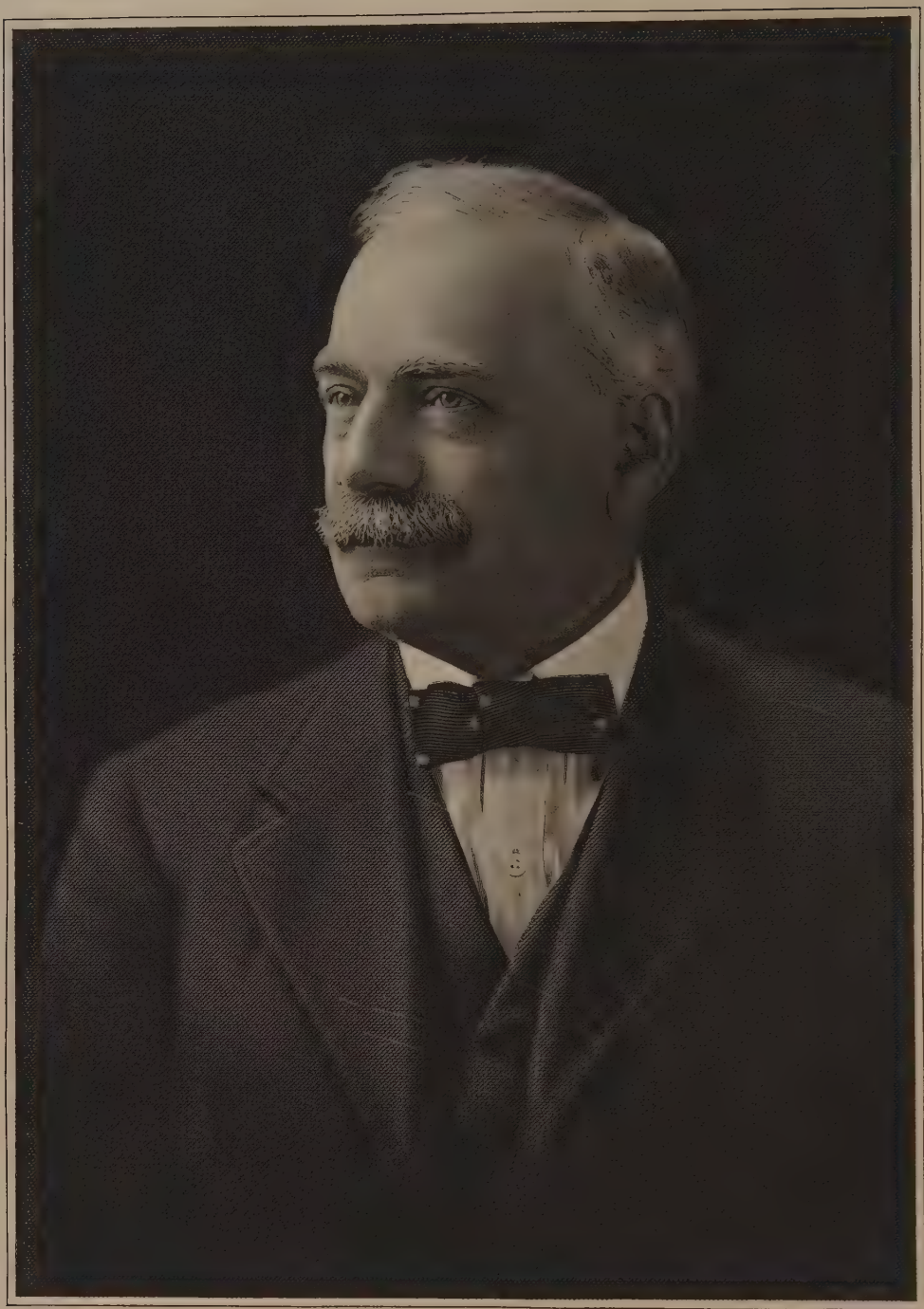
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John Henry Troutman was a foremost citizen of Butler, Pennsylvania, where he had for forty-five years been closely associated with commercial, financial and industrial interests of the community. At the time of his death he was head of three of its largest institutions, and concerned with the management of many of its smaller enterprises. He was also active on civic boards and city betterment projects.

John Henry Troutman was born in Butler on February 27, 1854, son of Adam and Margaret (Agner) Troutman. His father was a very prominent citizen there, founder and head of the firm now known as A. Troutman Sons Department Store. After receiving an excellent education in the local schools, supplemented by a full course at Witherspoon Institute and years of thoughtful reading and study, Mr. Troutman began business as a clerk in his father's store. In 1885 he was made a partner, and at the time of his death was associated with his two brothers, George and William Troutman, and after his death, Mrs. Troutman inherited his half-interest in the firm, and her children later bought out the two brothers' other one-half interest, in February, 1923.

Mr. Troutman was president of the Butler Savings and Trust Company and of the Standard Plate Glass Company, of which he was an originator and incorporator. He had been identified with the organization of the Butler Light, Heat and Motor Company, and with the Butler Ice Company. He was also connected with the Diamond Alkali Company of Pittsburgh, the Butler Beef and Provision Company, and the Standard Steel Car Company of Butler. For thirty-five years he was associated with local banking interests as director and

at the time of his death was president of the Butler Savings and Trust Company.

Mr. Troutman's civic and charitable activities were as manifold as his business enterprises. He was a member and trustee of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, a member of the local Young Mens' Christian Association, and of the Chamber of Commerce. In politics an independent Republican, Mr. Troutman could always be counted on for thoughtful support of worthwhile measures. He was a member of the University Club and the Butler Country Club. From these important and valuable activities Mr. Troutman was called by death September 28, 1919, in his sixty-sixth year.

John Henry Troutman married, in Carrollton, Ohio, September 15, 1881, Mary E. Helfrich, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Stemple) Helfrich. Mrs. Troutman was instrumental with Mrs. John Shaw Campbell, in promoting the Butler County Hospital and the Butler Public Library. These two ladies were life-long friends and both served as directors in these institutions, and were the prime movers in their upbuilding. Mr. and Mrs. Troutman were the parents of three children: Charles H., Frank E. and Mrs. Gertrude T. Campbell.

Mr. Troutman was highly respected in the community he so long served and toward whose prosperity he so continuously contributed. He was a man who made friends slowly but kept them for life, and he showed the same qualities of devotion and loyalty to his family. Success did not harden his heart nor make him aggressive, and he retained throughout life his generous, kindly nature and his unobtrusive helpfulness.

Charles H. Troutman was born in Butler in 1882. He was educated in the public and high schools of his neighborhood, and graduated from Washington and Jefferson College with the class of 1909, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His whole business career has centered in the store of A. Troutman's Sons. He began there immediately after completing his schooling and is now president and general manager. This store, established in 1864 by Adam Troutman, has ever since been in the hands of the Troutman family. The small village store has grown so that it is now one of the leading department stores between Pittsburgh and Buffalo. They handle a complete line of dry goods, notions, lady's and men's ready-to-wear

clothing, and all the variety of a first class city department store. The carpet department is particularly notable for the excellence and artistry of its wares. In 1924 the firm expanded its floor space greatly by taking over the adjoining store of the Campbell Hardware Company. Now it has 50,000 square feet of space and employs ninety people. The present officers and directors are: President and general manager, Charles H. Troutman; secretary and treasurer, Ed. Oesterling; directors, A. C. Troutman, F. E. Troutman, Mrs. J. H. Troutman, and Mrs. J. S. Campbell. A Republican in politics, Mr. Troutman is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, to which he gives zealous service. During the World War, he gave in all eighteen months of his time to war work; first in the Young Men's Christian Association at Camp Dix, and later stationed at Camp Colt, Gettysburg, at United States Hospital No. 31 at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he had full charge.

On May 1, 1914, Mr. Troutman married Lena Dunn, of Creston, Iowa. Their children are: Charles H., Jr., Mary Elizabeth; and Catherine Louise.

Frank E. Troutman. Following in his father's footsteps, and emulating his virtues and ability with a marked degree of success, Frank E. Troutman occupies the office of the president of the Standard Plate Glass Company, of Butler, where the elder Troutman was president until his death. The son came to the highest executive position in the concern after years of active service learning the details of manufacture, etc., in every department of the works. It was his and his father's desire that he should be thoroughly furnished with knowledge of the business from the introduction of the raw material to the finished product and from the humblest place in the office to the highest. Mr. Troutman also has other important business associations, being a partner in Butler's largest department store, president and a director of one bank and a director in another bank, both in Butler.

Born in Butler, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1885, Frank E. Troutman is the second son of J. Henry and Mary E. (Helfrich) Troutman. He attended the grade and high schools of Butler, and thence entered Mercersburg Academy, whence he was graduated in the class of 1904. He matriculated at Lehigh University, which graduated him in 1908 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. Direct from the halls of

the university into the plant of the Standard Plate Glass Company, Mr. Troutman took his place in the beginning of things there and before he finished his education in glass making he had "gone through" every department. In 1914 he was, therefore, fully equipped to fill the office of superintendent of the plant and he was appointed to that position. He occupied that office until his father passed away, whereupon he was chosen to succeed him as president. Mr. Troutman is a member of the house of A. Troutman's Sons, founded by his grandfather, and the largest department store in Butler County. He is president and a director of the South Side Bank of Butler, and a director of the Butler Savings & Trust Company. In political affairs Mr. Troutman is of the Republican persuasion. He is a director of the Board of Commerce, and a member of the Country and Sterling Clubs of Butler, and a member of the Duquesne and University clubs of Pittsburgh. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church at Butler, and he is a member of the church board.

Mr. Troutman married, December 29, 1910, Catherine Christie, and they have one son, John Troutman. The only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Troutman is Gertrude S., born March 16, 1889. She attended the Butler schools and Chevy Chase College, Washington, District of Columbia. She was married September 15, 1916, to John S. Campbell, Jr., a prominent business man of Butler.

James E. Marshall. Fortunate indeed is that community whose founders were men of sterling worth and wide vision. Still more fortunate are those towns and cities where the descendants of such early settlers have remained to continue the work which their ancestors began, directing the development of its institutions and upholding the fine traditions which were established in the early days when life was simpler. Among the pioneers of Butler County were the forebears of James E. Marshall, and the family name has been connected with the history of that locality ever since. Today their representative is worthy of his inheritance, taking a leading part in all civic movements, and working with other public spirited men to keep Butler in the vanguard of Pennsylvania's leading cities.

James E. Marshall was born in Butler County, August 13, 1877, the son of James M. and Ruth A. (Riddle) Marshall, both of Butler County. His father was a banker, and until his death one of the most prominent citizens of that section of the state. Mr. Marshall passed through the public and high schools and Slippery Rock Normal School, then entered Grove City College, from which he received the degree, Bachelor of Arts, in 1898, and later, from the same institution, the degree of Master of Arts. These years of thorough academic preparation being completed, Mr. Marshall turned his attention to the profession which he had chosen for his career. The University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1903, after he had attended that institution for three years, and he stepped from the classroom to return to his native city as a barrister. Admitted to the state bar in 1903, he began his legal practice as a member of the law firm of Marshall & Marshall, which since 1910 has become the firm of Marshall & Watson, James E. Marshall being the senior member. With offices in the Butler County National Bank Building, Mr. Marshall has built up an important legal clientele which takes him before the various courts of the State and Nation and makes heavy demands upon his time. Notwithstanding this fact, he does not fail to keep in close touch with the life of his city, and sits on the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Board of Commerce, and also is a trustee of Grove City College. He is also a member of the Country Club of Butler, and has the distinction of being one of the founders and organizers, as well as a past president of the Butler Rotary Club. During the war years, Mr. Marshall did secretarial work with the Young Men's Christian Association, in France, being connected with the Twenty-eighth Division, and he was also a very persuasive "four-minute" speaker in the Liberty and Victory Loan drives, his services being recognized gratefully by the government in the form of a certificate and badge of honor.

Mr. Marshall is secretary of the Pennsylvania Society for Crippled Children, and has done as much in this direction as perhaps any other man in the State. They are attempting to get the crippled children of the State listed and treated, having now over 8,000 listed, and 4,000 of them have been operated on and treated. He was chairman of the

committee of the Rotary Club of Butler who had all of the crippled children of Butler County examined by orthopedic surgeons, and 200 have already been operated upon and treated.

James E. Marshall married, in 1904, M. Alberta Cronenwett, of Butler, a daughter of Rev. E. and Eva (Helfrich) Cronenwett. They have one son, John H. Marshall. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. J. E. Marshall is teacher of the Men's Bible Class of the Second Presbyterian Church, known as the Whiteside Bible class.

John M. Dunkle, M. D., a well known physician and surgeon of Butler, Pennsylvania, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at West Freedom, Clarion County, July 4, 1882, a son of H. C. and Mary L. (Russell) Dunkle.

H. C. Dunkle was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1854. His parents were Michael and Caroline (Boyer) Dunkle. The Dunkles and Boyers came from Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and settled in Clarion County. They were of German descent. To Michael and Caroline (Boyer) Dunkle the following children were born: (1) Peter, a retired lumber estimator, lives in California; (2) Olive, married Rev. J. W. Nichols, a Methodist minister, both deceased, and are buried near Seattle, Washington; (3) Rev. V. F., a Methodist minister, deceased, and buried near Seattle; (4) J. W., attorney, was U. S. district attorney at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for many years, where he still lives and is engaged in active practice; (5) Alfred, was for many years a station agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Titusville, Pennsylvania, now lives retired near Seattle, Washington; (6) Carrie, the wife of H. C. Miller, lives near Los Angeles; (7) Dr. C. G., physician and surgeon, Pittsburgh; and (8) H. C., father of the subject of this sketch.

H. C. Dunkle received a common school education and engaged in lumbering. He purchased a mill, bought timber lands in large tracts and built boats which were used on the Ohio River carrying coal. He continued in this business until 1901, when he sold out and removed to Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, where he lived retired until his

death, which occurred July 20, 1924. He is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. His wife, Mary L. (Russell) Dunkle, was a daughter of William and Anna (Crozier) Russell, natives of Clarion County, and both now deceased. Mrs. Russell is buried in Clarion County, and her husband in Kansas City, Missouri. To H. C. and Mary L. (Russell) Dunkle six children were born: (1) Bertha, married William T. Hindman, a steam shovel engineer, resides at Worthington, Pennsylvania; (2) Myrtle A., married U. Ryan, superintendent of the Unity Coal Company, Oakmont, Pennsylvania; (3) Dr. John M., the subject of this sketch; (4) Ada, married J. W. Minter, agriculturist, resides at Worthington, Pennsylvania; (5) Anna, deceased, buried at West Freedom; and (6) I. C., with the Corona Cord Tire Company, resides in Butler.

Doctor Dunkle was educated in the public schools of Clarion County, took a preparatory course at Sligo, Pennsylvania, and Clarion Normal School. In 1909 he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Medical College of the University of Pittsburgh. He served his internship at Mercy Hospital, 1909-1910, after which he located at Worthington, Pennsylvania. In 1918 he came to Butler, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession.

Doctor Dunkle married, in 1911, Miss Lena Kison, a daughter of H. A. and Sally (Way) Kison. Mr. Kison was an oil operator for many years in this section of the country, and is now living retired at Worthington. He was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and his wife was a native of Butler County, Pennsylvania. To Doctor and Mrs. Dunkle three children have been born: Robert, born June 30, 1913, a student in Butler High School; Sarah, born April 9, 1915, a student; and J. M., Jr., born August 24, 1916, died August 29, 1923.

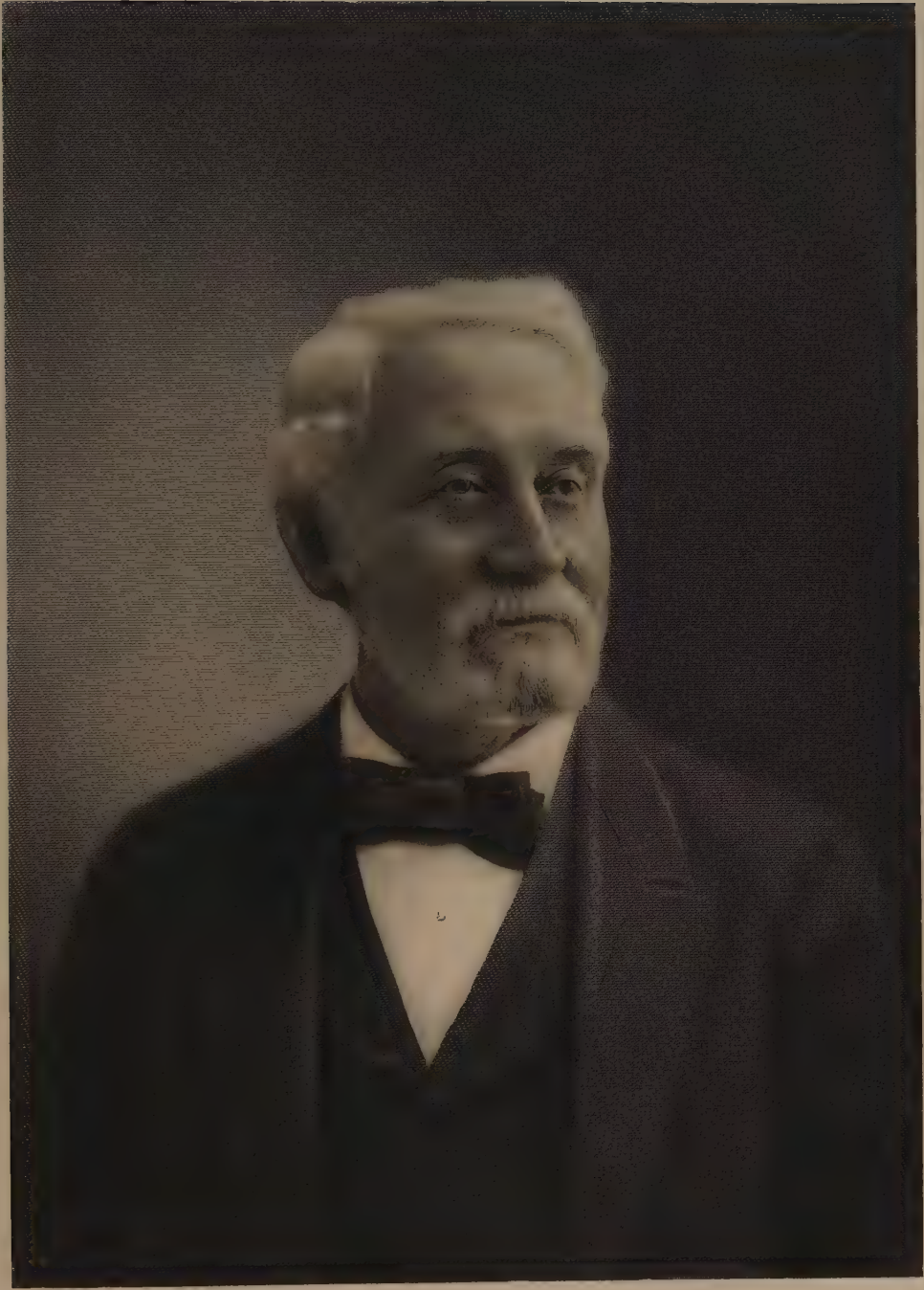
Doctor Dunkle is a close and careful student in his calling and holds membership in the Butler County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. As a fraternalist he is a member of Phi Rho Sigma fraternity; Victory Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 694, New Castle; Consistory, thirty-second degree, New Castle; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Syria Caravan, No. 14, A. A. O. N. M. S., Butler.

In political matters Doctor Dunkle is a Republican, and while a resident of Worthington was a member of the City Council and served as its president for five years. He is a member of the Methodist Church, while Mrs. Dunkle belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

Hon. James Bredin. On November 23, 1906, there passed to life eternal one of Butler's most notable citizens, Hon. James Bredin, ex-judge and attorney, who for nearly half a century had held a position among the most honored and influential men of that city. He was born in Butler, May 9, 1831, a son of Hon. John and Nancy (McClelland) Bredin.

Hon. John Bredin, who was also an attorney and judge, was editor and founder of the Butler Repository. He was born in Stranola, County Donegal, Ireland, in 1794. His parents emigrated to America and settled in Butler County in 1802. At the age of sixteen he became a clerk in a general store in Pittsburgh. Two years later he bought a tract of wild land in what is now Summit Township, Butler County. In 1817 he clerked in the prothonotary's office in Butler. Soon after he began the study of law under the direction of Gen. William Ayres, a well known attorney and land owner of that day. Young Bredin took advantage of this connection to make himself thoroughly acquainted with early land laws, which knowledge proved very useful to him in his subsequent practice, as much of the litigation at that time had to do with disputes concerning land titles. For a long time he was regarded as an authority on all questions of this nature. In 1824 John Bredin became interested in journalism and in association with his brother, Maurice Bredin, continued for six years, without however giving up his law practice. In 1830 he retired from the field of journalism and the following year was appointed presiding judge of the Seventeenth Judicial District, which position he held until his death, May 21, 1851. He married Nancy McClelland in Franklin, Pennsylvania, in 1829. They are both buried in North Cemetery, Butler.

Nancy McClelland was the daughter of George McClelland, who came from Monahan, Ireland, in 1795 and settled in Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he was an editor, hotel keeper and iron manufacturer.



James Thredin

James Bredin was educated in the public schools of Butler and Butler Academy. He also attended Washington College (now Washington and Jefferson College), and Annapolis Naval Academy. In August, 1846, he was appointed a midshipman in the United States Navy. He served during the Mexican War and was at the siege of Vera Cruz and the taking of Tuspan. He resigned from the navy in 1850 and studied law and was admitted to the bar June 14, 1853. Prior to beginning the practice of his profession he became associated with James Campbell, S. M. Lane, and other citizens in the establishment of a bank in Butler, Pennsylvania, and with a branch at New Castle, Pennsylvania. In 1855 he began the practice of law, which he followed for sixteen years. In 1871 he removed to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and in 1874 was elected one of the judges of the Seventh Judicial District, comprising Butler and Lawrence counties, an office he held for ten years. After the expiration of his term he returned to Pittsburgh and resumed the practice of law. He was a partner and manager of the banking firm of Campbell, Bredin & Company in 1854-1855. He was treasurer of the Butler Plank Road Company, and was founder and first president of the Butler Savings Bank. Judge Bredin was active until his death in the practice of law in Pittsburgh, while maintaining his residence in Butler. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and of the Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 272, of Butler. He was also a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. In politics he was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party.

On October 7, 1856, James Bredin was married to Matilda E. Spear, a daughter of William L. and Matilda E. (Spang) Spear, natives of Winfield Furnace, Butler County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Spear, who was born in Huntington County, Pennsylvania, was an iron manufacturer at Winfield Furnace. He later removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was a manufacturers agent. From there he came to Butler. His wife was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. They are both deceased and are buried in North Cemetery, Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Spear the following children were born: Henry S., Charles H., Frank Dixon, Mrs. George Hosford, Mrs. William Lawrence, all deceased, and buried in North Cemetery, Butler; and Mrs. James Breden. To James

and Matilda (Spear) Bredin four children were born: William S., deceased; John, deceased; Anna Catherine, deceased, all buried in North Cemetery, Butler; and Charles Henry Bredin, resides in Detroit, Michigan, where he is engaged in the metal weatherstrip business. He married Grace Leonard of Piqua, Ohio, and they have two children, Elizabeth Matilda, and Lewis Leonard.

Mrs. James Bredin receives a pension from the United States Government on account of the services rendered by her husband during the Mexican War. Mrs. Bredin is very proud of this as very few women have that distinction.

Harry L. Graham. Among the leading lawyers of Butler County is Harry L. Graham. He was born August 5, 1870, in Concord Township, this county, the son of Thomas Graham, a farmer, who died in 1912, and Nancy (Borland) Graham, who died in 1914. The family was one of the oldest to settle in Butler County, the immigrants coming from Scotland and Ireland.

Harry L. Graham prepared for college at the North Washington Academy. He was graduated from Wooster University in 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and received the degree of Master of Arts in 1895. He established himself in practice the same year under his own name and has continued to the present. He practices in the courts, State and Federal, and maintains general law offices in the Butler County National Bank Building in Butler. Mr. Graham is a Republican in politics. For eighteen years he was director of public schools, and for twelve years he was secretary. He was the chief promoter of the Senior High School for Butler, which occupies one of the finest school buildings in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Graham has seen service in the Ohio National Guard and the National Guard of Pennsylvania, Company E, Fifteenth Regiment, in which he was senior corporal. During the World War he gave largely of his time to home activities, such as Liberty Loan campaigns, Red Cross work, questionnaires, and "four-minute" speeches, in which he was one of the most active and received a certificate for his services.

Mr. Graham is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a past noble grand of Lodge No. 278. He is a member

of the Knights of Malta and has passed through all the chairs of that fraternity. He is a Woodman of the World, a member of the Knights of Maccabees, and the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity. He was one of the founders of the University Club, which afterward became the Sterling Club. He is a member of the Butler County Historical Society, and was one of its founders and organizers. He is a member of the vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and is treasurer of St. Peter's Parish.

Mr. Graham was married in 1900 to Julia S. Creigh of Washington, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Martha (Wishart) Creigh. They are the parents of Harry L. Graham, Jr., a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College in the class of 1922, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts; and of William C. Graham, a student in the Junior High School.

Charles N. Boyd, a prominent business man of Butler County, is the vice president of the Farmers National Bank at Butler, where he is also engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He was born at Sarversville, Butler County, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1852, the son of W. S. and Margaret (McCafferty) Boyd.

Mr. Boyd's paternal grandfather, Rev. Abraham Boyd, was a native of Ireland and came with his father John Boyd to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, at an early date. Rev. Abraham Boyd was a graduate of Cannonsburg College and for many years was located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He organized the Westminster and Buffalo Presbyterian churches of Butler County, and was one of the well known ministers of pioneer days. It was necessary in those days to carry weapons to church to protect themselves from the hostile Indians. His first wife was Eleanor Hillis of Washington County, Pennsylvania. After her death he married Mrs. Agnes Scott.

W. S. Boyd was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in 1818. In 1850 he located at Sarversville, Butler County, where he engaged in general merchandising until 1854. In that year he settled on a part of the old homestead in Allegheny County, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was an elder in the

Presbyterian Church for many years and died July 25, 1865. By his marriage to Margaret, daughter of James McCafferty, he was the father of three children, as follows: James S.; Mary B., married J. S. Christy; and Charles N., the subject of this sketch.

Charles N. Boyd was reared in Allegheny County and attended the public schools of that county. He was connected with the postoffice at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, until in 1874 he formed a partnership with his brother, James S., in the drug business at Tarentum, removing to Connellsville in 1876, where he remained for three years in the drug business. He also carried on a drug business in Somerset, Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1887 he established a drug store in Butler, where he built up one of the leading drug stores. In 1906 he entered the real estate and insurance field and has developed it into one of the really important enterprises of Butler.

In 1880 Mr. Boyd married Miss Della G. Carson, a daughter of David Carson of Connellsville, Pennsylvania. She died in 1882. On December 5, 1889, he was again united in marriage to Miss Agnes B. Barnett, a daughter of Rev. J. M. Barnett of Washington, Pennsylvania, and to this union two children were born: Eleanore, married Clarence L. Stein, manager of the L. Stein & Son Store of Butler, Pennsylvania; and Margaret B., a student at Wheelock School, Boston.

Mr. Boyd was one of the founders of the Farmers National Bank, and has served as its vice president for many years. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, and has served as president, and at this time is one of the oldest members and past officers of the association.

Mr. Boyd is a thirty-second degree Mason, and is a member of Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M., of Butler Royal Arch Chapter No. 273, and Lorraine Commandery No. 87, Knights Templar, also New Castle Consistory. He is a member also of the Butler County Historical Society. Mr. Boyd is now president of the Pittsburgh Agency of Life Underwriters for the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia. He takes an active interest in church work and has been an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Butler for many years. Mr. Boyd is one of the alert and progressive business men of the county, and a man highly esteemed in his community.

Henry W. Pifer, one of the well-known members of the Butler bar, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in McCalmont Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1886, the son of William Thomas and Mary A. (Weber) Pifer.

William Thomas Pifer was born in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. He received a good common school education and began life working in a sawmill. When he was twenty-one years of age he was a raft pilot on the Clarion and Allegheny Rivers. He was later engaged in farming and lumber business, manufacturing lumber and shingles. For many years he was a veterinarian. He is now living retired on a farm in Jefferson County. His wife, Mary A. (Weber) Pifer, was born in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Anna, a nurse, resides in Butler; Catherine, a missionary worker, has served in Japan for over twenty years; Amos, Butler, is foreman of the Standard Steel Car department; Otto, an agriculturist, resides in Jefferson County; Amy, married H. O. Carson, resides in Butler, where he is with the Builders Supply Company. He was city engineer of Butler for twelve years. Mrs. Carson was a nurse before her marriage; Vina, resides at home with her parents; Henry W., the subject of this sketch; Norman, an agriculturist and coal operator, resides in Jefferson County; and Frank A., an agriculturist, lives in Butler.

William Thomas Pifer was the son of George and Anna Pifer. George Pifer was a carpenter by occupation and served as justice of the peace in Jefferson County for many years. His father, John Pifer, came from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to Jefferson County. He was born on the Atlantic Ocean when his parents were coming to this country from Germany. He fought in the War of 1812. His father emigrated to the United States from Germany in about 1770 and fought in the Revolutionary War.

Henry W. Pifer attended the public school in Jefferson County, Clarion and Indiana State Normal School, and was graduated from Franklin and Marshall Academy in the class of 1907. He then took the course in Franklin and Marshall College, and was graduated in the class of 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He also studied for the profession of the law in Dickinson Law School. Mr. Pifer, after his studies, taught school. He was keen for athletics,

and was coach of the football team at Conway Hall for two years. At Franklin and Marshall College he played tackle and center on the football team. Coming to Butler, he studied law in the office of Levi Wise, and was admitted to the bar in 1917. He has since practiced his profession at Butler, under his own name, with offices in the Butler County National Bank Building.

During the World War Mr. Pifer enlisted in the U. S. Army Ordnance Department, March 26, 1918, and was sent to Columbus Barracks. He was transferred to State College, Pennsylvania, then to Camp Hancock, Georgia, and later to the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Gordon, Georgia. He was discharged November 28, 1918. Mr. Pifer was active in "four-minute" speaking in the various war bond drives.

In religion Mr. Pifer is a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of American Legion Post No. 117, Lieut. Frederick O. Blankenship; Butler County Bar Association; Butler Lodge No. 772, F. and A. M.; Butler Chapter No. 273, R. A. M. His fraternal association is with the Phi Kappa Sigma, of which he is past president. He is also a member of Isaac Walton League of America, and of the Central Board of Officials of Football for the State of Pennsylvania.

William C. Jahnig, who is extensively engaged in the real estate business in Butler, Pennsylvania, is one of the widely known and highly respected citizens of Butler County. He was born in Buffalo Township, this county, March 11, 1892, and is a son of August and Ursina (Kregar) Jahnig.

The Jahnig family are of Danish descent. Many years ago a Jahnig left Denmark and settled in Saxon, Germany. This Jahnig married a Prussian and remained in Saxon. His son, Ferdinand Jahnig, grandfather of our subject, came to the United States when his son, August Jahnig, was three years old. His wife was Christina Jahnig. They settled in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming and stockraising.

August Jahnig began life working on his father's farm. Later he operated a coal mine for thirty years. He retired in 1916 and

resides in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania. He is a Democrat and attends the German Lutheran Church. To August and Ursina (Kregar) Jahnig eight children were born: (1) Charles, assistant superintendent of the Westinghouse Electric Company, Springfield, Massachusetts; (2) Dora, married Benjamin Bartell, reside in Bakerstown, Pennsylvania; (3) child died in infancy; (4) William C., the subject of this sketch; (5) Mary, at home; (6) Edna, married Edward Wetzell, resides at Sarvar, Pennsylvania, where he is engaged in farming and dairying; (7) Viola, at home; and (8) Novella, married Paul Irman, resides in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania.

William C. Jahnig received his education in the public schools of Buffalo Township, Butler County, and Grove City College. After leaving school he went into business manufacturing hardwood lumber, such as telephone poles, mine posts, railroad cross-ties, etc. He conducted this business until 1921. During this time he was also interested in the coal business. He operated his business of hardwood products in Allegheny, Butler and Armstrong Counties, cutting timber from seventy-six farms, with a total acreage of 2,000 acres of stumps.

In 1921 Mr. Jahnig came to Butler, where he purchased a parcel of ground from Spang & Company, and built six modern houses, and three houses on Federal Street. In 1922 he purchased thirty building lots from the U. S. Government Housing Association and built twenty-nine modern houses. In 1924 he purchased the remaining U. S. Government holdings in Butler, consisting of 156 building lots. He was instrumental in having Morton Avenue paved from south of Main Street viaduct to Fairview Avenue, and in 1925 getting a pavement from Fairview Avenue to the city line, also in getting the road improved from the city line to the Saxonburg Road. Mr. Jahnig is now building houses on the property, doing his own paving, sewerage, etc., and donating it to the City of Butler. This is known as the South Hill Addition. He is the only man in Butler who has made such donations to the city. In 1924 Mr. Jahnig gave the free use of a baseball ground to the city, and this field was used in 1924 and 1925 by other leagues also.

In 1924 Mr. Jahnig was married to Miss Elenore Marsh, a daughter of John L. and Katherine Marsh, natives of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, now residents of Butler, where Mr. Marsh is associated with

the Standard Steel Car Company. Mr. and Mrs. Jahnig have a daughter, Katherine, born March 23, 1926.

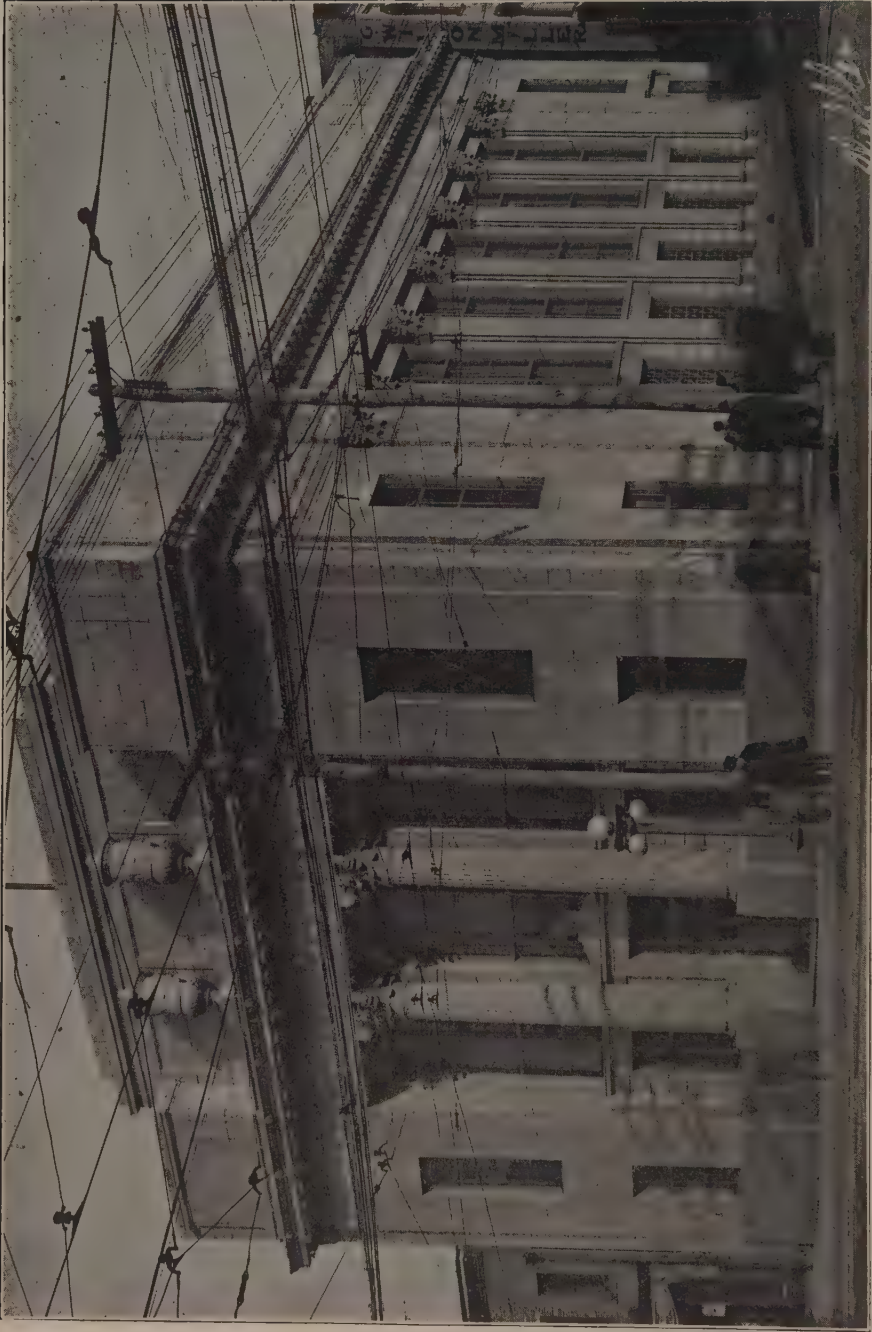
Mr. Jahnig is a Republican, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias (Saxonburg), Dramatic Order of Knights of Karassin, and Sterling Club. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, while Mrs. Jahnig holds membership in the Methodist Church.

Hon. Aaron E. Reiber, of Butler, for many years a distinguished judge in the Court of Common Pleas, is one of Butler's most prominent citizens, active in innumerable local enterprises and intimately identified with the welfare and progress of Butler. Judge Reiber is now engaged in private practice since his retirement from the bench in 1923. He is the son of Martin and Mary (Yetter) Reiber, the father, born in Germany, near Stuttgart, died in Butler in 1883, one of the pioneer merchants of Butler, the mother, died in 1890, belonging to a family that has lived for generations in Butler County.

Aaron E. Reiber was born April 9, 1863, at Butler, and attended the public schools there, and also Witherspoon Academy. He studied for one year at Washington and Jefferson College, but is a graduate of Princeton University, from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1882. He then studied law in the office of T. C. Campbell, of Butler, and was admitted to the Butler County bar in 1885. In that same year he commenced the practice of his profession in Butler under his own name, and continued for a period of forty years to carry on his own practice, until April 1, 1925, when he became senior member of the law firm of Reiber, Hosford & Sipe. Meantime, however, he had attained prominence in public office. He became district attorney of Butler County in 1890, serving one term, and in 1913 he was elected judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the Fiftieth District for a ten-year term, succeeding Judge J. W. Galbreath in this office. Judge Reiber is a staunch Democrat by political conviction, but in public office has always held the respect and loyal support of both Republicans and Democrats, and in a section of the country that is notably Republican he is highly regarded by the community-at-large. During the World War he was a member of



Aaron E. Reiber



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the Legal Advisory Board of Butler County, rendered valuable service on various war committees, did considerable "four-minute" speaking in support of the several patriotic drives, and was awarded a certificate for his services from the United States Government. He is one of the most prominent members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has served for many years as an elder, and in various other capacities. He was a delegate to the National Convention held in New York City that framed the merger whereby the several churches were amalgamated into one body, and was also a member of the Adjudication Commission. Judge Reiber is a member of the board of trustees of Thiel College, a member of the board of trustees of the Old People's Home of Butler County, and active in his support of all that makes for the well being of the community. Before his elevation to the bench he was identified with many industrial and commercial enterprises in Butler, was instrumental in organizing the Butler Street Car Company; is president and one of the founders of the Guaranty Trust Company, and has always taken a prominent part in the development of the city. He is a member of the Butler Country Club, Sterling Club, the Butler County Historical Society, and the Knights of Pythias.

Judge Reiber married, in 1887, Florence Smith, of Carrollton, Ohio, daughter of Rev. Enoch and Elizabeth (Helsel) Smith, the father a clergyman. Judge and Mrs. Reiber have two children: Martin A., a graduate of Princeton University, now attending Harvard Law School, and Mary Elizabeth, a graduate of Smith College.

J. W. Hutchison. A well-known member of the bar at Butler is J. W. Hutchison, who, in the last thirty-seven years, has built up an honorable and substantial practice here, and has been one of the city's useful and representative men. He was born in Parker Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1864, the son of James G. and Susan (Daubenspeck) Hutchison.

James G. Hutchison was a native of Parker Township, the son of William and Esther (Gibson) Hutchison, a prominent farmer of that township. James G. Hutchison engaged in farming and during the

Civil War enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was a prominent man in his section of the state. He died in 1864 and is buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania. His wife, Susan (Daubenspeck) Hutchison, was the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Barnhardt) Daubenspeck, natives of Butler County, Pennsylvania, now deceased and buried in the German Reform Cemetery, at Fairview, Pennsylvania. To James G. and Susan (Daubenspeck) Hutchison two children were born: Emma, who died in infancy; and J. W., the subject of this sketch. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Hutchison married Shryock Harper, a hardware merchant in business at North Washington, Pennsylvania, and to this union three children were born: (1) Rev. Edgar P. Harper, a Methodist minister, at Kittanning, Pennsylvania; (2) Curtis M., deceased; and Orie P., married Rev. H. O. MacDonald, a Presbyterian minister. He is deceased and is buried at Portersville, Pennsylvania. His widow resides in Chester, West Virginia.

Mr. Hutchison received his education in the public schools of Parker and Washington Township, Butler County, and was graduated from North Washington Academy. Entering the Westminster College, he was graduated in the class of 1887, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then came to Butler, Pennsylvania, and read law in the office of Attorney S. F. Bowser. On December 2, 1889, he was admitted to the bar, and immediately began the practice of his profession.

In 1889 Mr. Hutchison was married to Miss Ida M. Campbell, a daughter of John H. and Sidney Jane (Campbell) Campbell. Mr. Campbell was born in Canada, and his wife in Butler County, Pennsylvania. He was an oil well contractor for many years. He is deceased and buried in Kittanning, Pennsylvania. His widow resides in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison three children were born: Eileen, deceased; James Karl, died at the age of four years; and James Paul, resides in Chicago. He is a veteran of the World War, having enlisted in the U. S. Signal Corps. He sailed for France in November, 1917, and was with the Army of Occupation after the armistice was signed. He returned to the United States in August, 1919. He now has charge of a store in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Hutchi-

son died in 1900 and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. In 1903 Mr. Hutchison was married (second) to Miss Helen Victor. She died in August, 1924, and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler.

Mr. Hutchison served as referee in bankruptcy for Butler County from February 2, 1899, to February 2, 1923. He is a member of the Butler County Bar Association, and has been treasurer of this association since its organization. In fraternal circles he is also well known, holding membership with the Knights of Pythias, past chancellor; past grand chancellor of the State of Pennsylvania; past supreme representative of the world; president of the Pythian Home Association of Pennsylvania; Knights of Malta, past commander; and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics Mr. Hutchison is a Republican. He takes an active interest in all civic matters and has served as a member of the School Board of Butler.

W. G. Douthett, Sr., the subject of this sketch, is at this time the senior member and treasurer of the firm of Douthett & Graham, Inc., a position he has held for the past twenty-three years, and is among the well known and representative citizens of Butler.

He was born in Forward Township, Butler County, March 20, 1862, and is the seventh son of David Douthett and Jane E. (Brown) Douthett.

W. G. Douthett was educated in the public schools of Forward Township, his education being greatly crippled and shortened by the serious sickness of his father, and at the age of sixteen he was compelled to quit school work to take charge of his father's large farm, which he very successfully managed for a period of seven years, until the date of his marriage, March 25, 1885.

In 1886 he bought his father's farm, consisting of 200 acres, managed and farmed it on a large scale until January, 1891, when he and his family moved to Butler.

In passing it is well to here note that Mr. Douthett is a lover of country life; he has kept his farm at his mother's request, which has been in the name of Douthett for over 140 years; he oversees it personally and in doing so takes great pleasure, and even yet nothing

affords him more pleasure than a stroll over the old farm, and to walk amongst his herd of 100 head of fine sheep, half of which are pure bred.

In March, 1893, in partnership with Hart W. F. Graham, the firm of Douthett & Graham, clothiers, was established, and in 1904 was incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, with the following officers: Hart W. F. Graham, president; L. C. Snyder, vice president; W. G. Douthett, treasurer; A. R. Graham, secretary. In 1910 W. G. Douthett purchased the interest of Hart W. F. Graham and the following changes were made: William David Grant Douthett, president; D. C. Stewart, vice president; T. M. Barbor, secretary; W. G. Douthett, Sr., treasurer, and W. G. Douthett, Jr., assistant treasurer.

This is one of the largest and best stores of its kind in the county and is located at 113-117 South Main Street, Butler, Pennsylvania.

On March 25, 1885, Mr. Douthett was married to Sarah C. Bartley, a daughter of Williamson and Elizabeth Bartley, natives of Penn Township, Butler County, both now deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Douthett four children were born: (1) Bertha Jane, married to E. B. Reed, resides in Mercer, Pennsylvania, where he is cashier of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank; (2) Elizabeth B., married M. L. McBride, attorney, Grove City, Pennsylvania, and they have two children, Katherine D. and Milford L., Jr.; (3) William G. Douthett, Jr., born December 27, 1895, a graduate of Butler High School, 1914, Westminster College in 1918. He enlisted May 4, 1917, in Hospital Unit L, Camp Hospital 21, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia; served in France sixteen months, was discharged June 12, 1919, and returned to Butler. He was married in 1924 to Esther M. Henninger, daughter of Jacob A. Henninger and Jean (Anderson) Henninger. William G. Douthett, Jr., belongs to the American Legion, Victory Lodge F. and A. M. No. 694, New Castle Consistory, Butler Country Club and Sterling Club. (4) Kathryn Douthett, at home, is a graduate of Butler High School, Wells College and University of Minnesota, class of 1922.

William G. Douthett, Sr., is a Republican and has served as school director. He is a ruling elder in the First United Presbyterian Church; past president of the board of trustees; past assistant Sun-

day school superintendent; has filled the office of financial secretary of the Butler Presbytery, seldom held by a layman. He has served as president of the Butler Board of Trade for two terms, and through his efforts induced many of the first factories to locate in Butler. He has been interested in the oil producing business in Butler County; is a director of the Butler County Mutual Fire Insurance Company; director of the Community Savings and Loan Company, of which he was one of the organizers; vice president and director of the Guaranty Trust Company, and is a member of the Merchants' Association and the Sterling Club.

David Douthett, deceased, was born in Forward Township, this county, July 4, 1814, and died May 23, 1885, at the age of seventy-one. His wife, also a native of Forward Township, was born June 14, 1825, and died in June, 1915, at the age of ninety.

To David and Jane E. (Brown) Douthett nine children were born: (1) Agnes J., born December 23, 1844, died September 22, 1924. She married John Brown Dodds, born December 14, 1842. (2) Benjamin W., born May 17, 1846. He married on January 11, 1870, Miss Nancy J. Maharg. He was reared on his father's farm and was a public auctioneer. Later he purchased a farm near Petersville, Pennsylvania. He was a Republican and served as state delegate to two state conventions. He was a government officer in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in 1892; Erie, Pennsylvania, 1908; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1903-1911. He is deceased. (3) James M., born January 15, 1850, married on December 31, 1873, to Miss Lizzie C. Crowe. His early life was spent on his father's farm. In 1874 he rented the John Crowe farm upon which he remained seventeen years and in 1891 purchased a farm in Penn Township. He was a Republican, school director in Forward and Penn Townships, member of the road board for six years, and secretary of the board. An elder in the United Presbyterian Church, in which he is an active worker, being Sunday school superintendent and a teacher of the Bible class, and has served as trustee and auditor. He has been president of the Tenth Sunday School District for two years, and is a

director of the Glade Mills Fire Insurance Company. (4) Dr. David K., born July 3, 1854, died November 19, 1922. Attended Wither-
spoon Institute in 1873-1874; in 1875 taught school in Mordeci Johns
School; in 1876 taught the Nixon school, and in his spare time studied
medicine under Doctor Conn of Butler, Pennsylvania. In 1877-78
attended the Medical Department of Wooster (Ohio) University, and
started the practice of his profession at Brownsdale, Pennsylvania.
In 1880 he removed to Osceola, Iowa, and established offices. He was
a Republican. In 1884 he was elected chairman of the Republican
Central Committee of Clark County, Iowa, and served four years. He
was twice elected a delegate to the national convention. In 1888 he
was appointed by President Cleveland a member of the Pension Ex-
amining Board of Surgeons for Southern Iowa, and served twelve
years as secretary of this board. He served two terms on the Board
of Education of Osceola, Iowa, and served as president for five years.
He was a surgeon for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad from
1898 to 1902. He married Bertha Brown, March 2, 1882. (5) D. M.,
born March 18, 1856, reared on his father's farm until he was eighteen
years of age. In October, 1878, he went to Aurora, Illinois, where he
worked for five years, worked on a farm for J. Ammes three years,
and then removed to Dawson County, Nebraska, and took up a home-
stead seven miles north of Overton, Nebraska. In 1890 he formed a
partnership with H. S. White and they joined farms, which consisted
of 4,500 acres, and incorporated the White Land & Cattle Company;
Mr. White, president, and Mr. Douthett, vice president and manager.
In 1901 he sold out his holdings and moved to Overton, Nebraska. In
that year the Alfalfa State Bank was organized and he became its
vice president. In 1904 he bought the stock of H. S. Green and was
elected president, in which position he served until 1908, when he
sold his stock and went into the real estate and loan business. He
resides in Lincoln, Nebraska. On March 29, 1892, he married Mrs.
N. E. Wieze (nee Wilson). (6) Mary Esther Lucetta Douthett, born
November 16, 1858, married James F. Brittain, attorney. (7) William
G., a sketch of whom appears in this volume. (8) A. M., whose sketch
appears elsewhere in this history. (9) Walter S., born October 7,
1866. At the age of nineteen he associated in business with his
brother, W. G., who was then in charge of the old homestead. In

the fall of 1890 he came to Butler and engaged in business, which he sold in 1891. In 1892 he returned to the old homestead and has remained there since in charge of the farm. He was a horse fancier and owned Mary Russell, whose race track record was 2:09½. He has raised and sold many fast and fine horses. His stock farm was known as the "High View Stock Farm." On February 24, 1892, he was married to Minnie Burton.

Clarence D. Baker, a Butler attorney, has been a member of the Pennsylvania bar for fourteen years. He was born in Butler, September 3, 1887, the son of T. M. and Nancy E. (Painter) Baker.

T. M. Baker was born in Beaver Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1862, the son of George K. and Martha Baker. T. M. Baker received his primary education in the public schools and West Sunbury Academy, and Grove City College. In 1885 he began reading law with John M. Russell and was admitted to practice in September, 1888, and became a member of the firm of Coulter & Baker. He is now the cashier of the Merchants' Bank of Butler. He married, February 24, 1887, Miss Nannie E. Painter, a daughter of Simon P. Painter, who resided in Clay Township, Butler County. To Mr. and Mrs. Baker two children were born: Stella G., married Levi S. Hoon, Jr., clerk at the Merchants' Bank; she is a graduate of Beaver College; and (2) Clarence D., the subject of this sketch.

Clarence D. Baker was educated in the public schools of Butler, graduated from high school in 1906, and in 1910 received his A. B. degree from Allegheny College. Mr. Baker also attended the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh. In 1912 he was admitted to the Butler County bar, at which time he opened his own office in the I. O. O. F. Building. In 1921 he moved to his present location in the McClung Building.

While in college Mr. Baker played on the varsity football team for two years, the baseball varsity team, basketball varsity team, and was captain of this team for two years. Mr. Baker is coach of the Allegheny College basketball team, which position he has held the past four seasons.

In 1914 Mr. Baker was married to Miss Ruth E. Bartholomew, a daughter of M. B. and Lena Bartholomew. Mr. Bartholomew, now deceased, was an Erie Railroad conductor for many years, being the oldest employe in point of service at the time of his death. His widow resides in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Baker has served on the City Council of Butler for one term, when Butler was a borough, and also as borough treasurer. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, Butler County Bar Association, Butler Country Club, B. P. O. Elks No. 170, Delta Tau Delta, of which he has been president for two years, and is record keeper of the Maccabees. Mr. Baker, both professionally and personally, enjoys the esteem and respect of the community.

George I. Woner. With a background of some twenty years' experience in the newspaper business, during which period he rose from reporter to editor and manager, George I. Woner, who is numbered among the progressive citizens and business men of the town of Butler, now is manager and treasurer of the Ziegler Printing Company, Incorporated, an enterprise that has grown in favor and importance with the infusion of new blood and the adoption of modern methods during the last ten years or more. While his more intimate activities have been directed in the lines of newspaper and commercial printing establishments, Mr. Woner has made a number of associations of value in which he has rendered excellent service—particularly during his three terms as a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, in which body he was for one year chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. He is recognized as one of the forward looking men of Butler, who has the lofty interests of the state, county and town at heart. He is to be confidently relied upon to support morally and in many instances actively every worthy endeavor sponsored within the county and the town of his residence. The electors have been pleased to honor him with their preference, and commercial organizations have recognized his ability by choosing him to fill executive and directorate positions.

Born in Wooster, Ohio, June 13, 1870, George I. Woner is the son of Jeremiah David and Rebecca (Irvin) Woner, members of old and



GEORGE L. WONER

esteemed families of Wayne County, Ohio, both of whom are deceased. His father was a private in the One Hundred and Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War. The son, George I., prepared for his higher education in the public schools of Wooster, and he entered Wooster University with the class of 1894, when he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, later receiving the Master of Arts degree. He was elected president of his class while at Wooster, and since has been successfully chosen to head the class organization.

Immediately upon his graduation from the university, Mr. Woner gratified his earnest desire to enter the newspaper business by beginning right. He became a reporter and went about his duties as a news gatherer and writer for one year. He made rapid progress in his chosen field, for he is next found in the position of editor of the Painesville, Ohio, "Daily," and with ability he discharged the duties of his office until 1906. He then came to Butler, where he became managing editor of the "Daily Eagle," and helped materially in the increased prestige of that journal until 1911. The following two years Mr. Woner occupied with commendable service as editor and manager of a contemporary, the Butler "Citizen," he having now gained an experience of a score of years in the editorial and business departments of three newspapers. He now felt that the time had arrived that he should employ what he had learned by entrance into business as a part owner in some concern closely allied to the kind of business in which he had given so many years of effort. The opportunity to realize that desire was presented in 1913, in which year he associated himself with others of like mind and purchased and incorporated the Ziegler Printing Company at Butler. With the completion of the reorganization of the company, Mr. Woner was made manager and treasurer, and he has held both positions continuously since that time.

Mr. Woner rendered conspicuous service in the General Assembly, and his district was so well pleased with his conduct of the office that it returned him to Harrisburg for two additional terms. In 1923 the speaker named him chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. The bestowal of this honor was in itself a testimonial to the capacity of the recipient for meeting and solving the intricate problems affect-

ing that department of legislation. Another distinction of Mr. Woner's lies in his authorship of what is known as the "Woner Law Enforcement Act of Pennsylvania."

Mr. Woner is president of the Oakvale Realty Company and secretary of the Butler County Silver Fox Company. He was president for three years of the Business Men's Association, a director of the Board of Commerce for five years, and president of the Butler County Sabbath Association for one year. His political affiliation has always been with the Republican party. Mr. Woner is a member of Butler Lodge, No. 272, Free and Accepted Masons; Butler Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; New Castle Consistory of the Scottish Rite; Syria Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He was one of the organizers and is a member of the Butler Rotary Club.

Mr. Woner married, June 6, 1911, Laura B. McClung.

After retiring from the General Assembly in 1925 Mr. Woner yielded to the request of his fellow citizens in the first class township of Butler where he resides that he continue his public services and was chosen a member of the Board of Commissioners. He is at the head of the Department of Finance and has done commendable work assisting in placing the township on a better financial basis.

J. B. Dick. One of the well known real estate and insurance men of Butler is James B. Dick, whose offices are in the Douthett Building, 115 South Main Street. He was born in Franklin Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, January 10, 1873. He is the son of John S. and Matilda E. (Hoon) Dick. His father, John S. Dick, was born in Franklin Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1843; he left school and enlisted in the army during the Civil War and served with Company H, Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He was married on the 28th day of December, 1866, to Matilda E. Hoon, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Shanor) Hoon. Mr. Hoon was born in 1810 and died January 11, 1900. Mrs. Hoon was born in 1817 and died April 17, 1900. Mr. Hoon was a farmer and carpenter and resided on a small farm near Prospect. There were twelve children in the Hoon family, of whom two died in early life.

The oldest daughter, Maria Ann, married Jesse Dutter in November, 1866. Mrs. Dutter died October 1, 1912. Mr. Dutter died in 1900. They have two girls now living near Prospect. Isabella Amanda, second girl, married William Burns, who died about 1890. Mrs. Burns now resides in Covington, Indiana, with her foster daughter; they had no children. Matilda E., third daughter, born March 13, 1843, mother of J. B. Dick, our subject; Mary E., fourth daughter, born November 11, 1847, died March 15, 1925, never married; Sarah, fifth daughter, born June 15, 1852, married Edward Sechler of Princeton, April 17, 1879, have one son, Harry, who resides in New Castle; Olive D., born March 12, 1864, married August 22, 1892, to Orrin Fish, resides in Cleveland and have five children, all living in or around Cleveland; Edward Louis, oldest boy, a Civil War veteran, born March 13, 1841, served during the entire war until he was wounded shortly before the close of the war, when he lost a limb; he married Lucinda Allen, September 1, 1868; he died June 20, 1921; his widow and six children are now all living in or near New Castle; James Dallas, second son, born August 23, 1845, died December 22, 1922, served several years in the Civil War; after returning from war, married Margaret Shaffer, September 2, 1869; they had one son, Roy, who is now a doctor in Monongahela City; Mrs. Hoon died several years ago; they are both buried at Monongahela City; Levi Samuel, born March 7, 1855, died November 5, 1925; married Mary Lindsay, October 21, 1880; they had three sons, two residing in Butler and one in Oil City; Henry D., born July 16, 1860, died April 29, 1909; married Josephine St. Clair, January 1, 1881; they had two children; the boy, Clinton, died in 1925, whose wife was killed in an accident three or four years before. Mrs. Hoon and her daughter live in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After John S. Dick returned from the Civil War he resumed farming and continued in this occupation until he retired in October, 1926, when he sold the farm and moved to Prospect, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church and Grand Army of the Republic. To John S. and Matilda E. (Hoon) Dick two children were born, first Frank E. Dick, born June 21, 1868, who now resides in the City of Butler, where he has been in the meat business for about thirty years; he married Susan E. McGrew, daughter of B. J. McGrew, of Prospect, Pennsylvania. To F. E. and Susan E. (McGrew)

Dick two children were born, Mildred A., who married David Kennedy, who is a carpenter and resides in the City of Butler; they have three children, Rhoda Eleanor, Gertrude, and Cora Edith; second girl, Alma Pearl, married Clifford Gifford, who now reside in the City of Butler; they have two children, Dorothy and Donna Marie. Second boy of John S. and Matilda E. (Hoon) Dick is James B., the subject of this sketch.

John S. Dick was the son of William and Angelina (Stevenson) Dick. William Dick was a farmer, born in Franklin Township, July 24, 1821, and died September 26, 1906. His wife, Angelina, was born in Franklin Township, May 17, 1824, and died March 9, 1910; they are both buried in the United Presbyterian Cemetery in Prospect, Pennsylvania. William Dick was one of the organizers of the United Presbyterian Church of Prospect and an elder until his death. He also served as county commissioner of Butler County for one term and was a heavy stockholder in the early days of the Butler Savings and Trust Company. In politics he was always a Republican. To this union ten children were born: John S., father of J. B. Dick, our subject; second, Henderson H., a Civil War veteran, married Jane McCullough. Both are now deceased and buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Prospect. Their children were: Harry B., married Lottie Jones, who died in 1923; Harry, died in 1924; William M., married Jean Boon, reside in Croze, Virginia, where he is a fruit grower. They have no children. Ellen J. married John S. Dodds, now reside at Meridian; he served in the Civil War and is now a retired farmer. To this union twelve children were born: First two died in infancy; third, Vinton J., married Bessie Thompson. They have two children, Russell and Vera. They are still both at home at Zelienople. William Howard married Agnes Doyle. He is connected with the New York Custom House. They have no children. Jefferson T., postal employe at Brooklyn, New York, not married; Carl Dodds, now of New Castle, married Catherine Keefer; they have three children, Warren, Verna and John L., all of New Castle; Ford C. Dodds married Miss Ketter; they now reside in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; they have three children, all at home; Harry W. Dodds married Pearl Wigton; they reside in Prospect, Pennsylvania; they have five children; Everett M. Dodds married Verna Scott; they have no children; reside at Lady

Lake, Florida, where he is a fruit grower; Clyde R. Dodds is married and resides in New Castle; Raymond W. Dodds married Miss Peth; they reside near Isle, Butler County, Pennsylvania; they have three children, all at home; twelfth, Jessie B. Dodds (only sister of the nine boys), married Lester Brown and live at Meridian; they have two children, Helen and Ruth, at home; Benton L. Dick married Minerva Moore, November 14, 1873, lived in New Castle for a long time; she died in 1922; they had two children: Newton C., who married Rose McCurdy; they have five children: Gladys married Audley Brown, Princeton, Pennsylvania, and they have three children, Dorothy, Ruth and Norris; second girl, Helen L., married Mr. Book; Velma married Abraham Stoner; Mabel and Arthur at home near Rose Point, Pennsylvania. Harper H. Dick, second boy, married Zola Myres; they reside in New Castle; they have two children: Florence, married Earl Rodgers, and Glenn, at home; William H. Dick, Jr., married Allie Nelson, resides in Los Angeles, California; they have three children, Percy, Leslie and Earl; sixth, Susan A. Dick, married George Lathan, agriculturist and fruit grower; he is now deceased and she resides in Edgerton, Kansas; they had one daughter, Pearl, who married Emmett E. Bowman, postal employe of Kansas City; they have one child, Margaret; seventh, George C. Dick of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, married Jennie McGrew, who died in May, 1907; they had one child, Clarence W., who married Mattie Bell of near Burgettstown, Pennsylvania; they now live on a farm near Prospect; they have six children, Sarah E., Ethel, George, Paul, Ruth and Louise. George C. is a traveling salesman; eighth, Abbie M. Dick married Richard Warren of Wellsville, Kansas; he was a stock raiser; she died in 1916; they were the parents of three children: Robert Warren, who married Mabel Sawhill, and they have three children, Robert, Victor and Paul; second boy, Charles Warren, married Laura Perkins, and Myrtle married Charles Jennings of Blackwell, Oklahoma; ninth, Maggie A. Dick was born in 1864, died in 1900; she married William Ralston and resided at Centennial, Wyoming; they had five children: Maud Ralston, married William Mudget; Della A. Ralston married Mr. Shaver; Mae Ralston married Mr. May; Lulu married Charles Rausch, and Lester, at home; Carrie B. Dick married John Slupe, who died in 1920; they had no children; she lives in Butler, Pennsyl-

vania; C. C. Dick married Hilda Sample; they have two boys, Clifford and Francis, both at home in Mt. Chestnut.

William Dick was the son of John and Margaret (McKinnis) Dick, who were born in Ireland, came to this country and settled in Westmorland County, Pennsylvania, then came to Butler County about 1830 and died in 1860. They were the parents of the following children: First, William Dick; second, Nancy Dick, married Jessie Dodds; she was born in 1813 and died in 1869; third, Margaret Dick, born in 1819, died in 1883; she married George Stevenson, who was born in 1815 and died in 1900; fourth, Jane Dick, married Bryson Black, who was born in 1818 and died in 1898; she was born in 1819, died 1884.

James B. Dick was educated in the public schools of Franklin Township, Butler County, and after leaving school drilled wells. He subsequently was engaged in the milling business, livery and as an agent for agricultural implements. He then went into the real estate business in Prospect, Pennsylvania, and on April 20, 1914, he came to Butler, Pennsylvania, and engaged in real estate. In March, 1918, Mr. Dick took his son, Homer, into partnership with him, their offices at that time being located at 223 South Main Street. In May, 1925, they removed to their present location, 115 South Main Street.

James B. Dick was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie May Teets, December 6, 1893, a daughter of Albert and Kate (Rodgers) Teets. Mr. Teets was an old stage driver on the route between Pittsburgh and Franklin, Pennsylvania. He died about 1880 and is buried at Prospect, Pennsylvania. His widow resides with Mr. Dick. To Mr. and Mrs. Dick three children were born: (1) Goldie M., born December 29, 1894, married September 10, 1913, to Albert H. Meier, a carpenter; they reside in Butler; have no children; (2) J. Homer, born October 22, 1896, married on January 4, 1916, to Gertrude M. Hoehn; they have four children: Jean Elizabeth, Ruth Catherine, James Homer, Jr., and Donald Vernon. He is in business with his father. He is a member of the Lions Club and has served as secretary for one term; (3) Floyd C. married Helen Gold; they have no children. He is in the automobile business at Butler.

Mr. Dick is a Republican. He has served as clerk for the jury commissioners for seven years and belongs to the Knights of Macca-

bees. Mr. Dick is a Methodist and is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church for the past ten years. Mr. Dick has a wide acquaintance in Butler and the surrounding county and has many friends.

John Laing Wise. The newspaper editor has his finger on the pulse of the community. He knows all about it, its problems, its aspirations, which he helps to create, and its achievements. John Laing Wise is such an editor, for he was born in the town whose newspaper he edits, and is the son of a man famous in its history.

Levi Moyer Wise, father of John Laing Wise, was born in Jackson Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1860, and died December 5, 1924. He was educated in the public schools there and the Edinboro State Normal School, studying law at the University of Michigan. He was admitted to the bar in Butler, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1888. His success was evidenced by his position as president of the Eagle Printing Company, publishers of the Butler "Eagle," and vice president of the Farmers' National Bank. Mr. Wise was a Republican, and a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Butler. Levi M. Wise married Bertha Laing, daughter of John and Lizzie Laing, at Wattsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1892. Their children are: John Laing, of further mention; Gerald L., in charge of the Eagle Printery; and Vernon L. Wise, a graduate of Butler High School in 1919, and of Allegheny College, class of 1923. He is now business manager of the Eagle.

John Laing Wise was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1893. He was educated in the elementary and high schools of Butler, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Allegheny College with the class of 1916. As he was early interested in journalism and determined to make it his career, he specialized in that course at the University of Wisconsin School of Journalism. Bringing to his work enthusiasm, energy, expert knowledge, and a carefully trained mind, he has made of the Butler "Eagle" a notable paper since he became its managing editor in 1916. The paper represents the community in a much more intimate and effective way than do most local newspapers, and it is a powerful spokesman for the betterment of the

community. Mr. Wise is also a director of the Farmers' National Bank. During the World war Mr. Wise enlisted in January, 1918, and remained in the service of his country at the most critical period until his discharge in March, 1919, while he was stationed at Camp Hancock Officers' Training School. Like his father, Mr. Wise is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. His clubs are the Rotary, the Sterling, and the Butler Country. He is a member of the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity.

Mr. Wise married, January 12, 1922, Miss Ruth Clark, of Butler. They have one daughter, Marilyn.

Samuel Walker stands as a splendid representative of the legal profession in Butler County and is among the most prominent citizens of Butler. He was born in this city, July 10, 1873, and is the son of Samuel and Caroline (Zimmerman) Walker.

Samuel Walker, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Tarentum, Pennsylvania, but spent the greater part of his life at Butler. During the Civil War he served with the rank of lieutenant and was promoted to captain before the close of the war. He suffered the loss of a leg while in the service and spent the remainder of his life as a retired army officer. Mr. Walker was connected with the First National Bank of Butler for several years and served as county tax collector for three years. He died July 4, 1896. His widow resides in Butler, where she was born. Mr. and Mrs. Walker had three children: Catherine, married Dr. R. B. Greer; Edwin Lyon, died at the age of five years; and Samuel, the subject of this sketch.

Samuel Walker attended the local schools and was graduated from Butler High School in 1893. He then attended Pennsylvania State College and the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, being graduated from the latter institution in 1899. On July 18 of that year Mr. Walker became associated in practice with his uncle, Clarence Walker. Mr. Walker served as district attorney in 1905-06-07. He has offices in the Butler County National Bank Building. Mr. Walker's ability at the bar is evidenced by the large clientage ac-



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corded him. Mr. Walker in January, 1927, received the appointment as public service commissioner from Governor John S. Fisher. He was county solicitor for a term of four years and is a member of the Butler County Bar Association.

On October 21, 1914, Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Miss Stelle Campbell, of Pittsburgh, the daughter of James and Jane Campbell, both deceased. They have a daughter, Caroline Jane.

Mr. Walker is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge, Butler Country and Sterling Club. He has always been a Republican. Mr. Walker is held in high esteem as a lawyer and citizen.

During the time Mr. Walker attended the State College he played full back position on the football team and was captain of the baseball team, playing third base. He also played football on the University of Pennsylvania varsity team for two years.

A. M. Duster, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of his profession in the City of Butler, Pennsylvania, was born here on October 3, 1899, and he is a son of Martin and Christina (Wickenhagen) Duster.

Martin Duster was born in Germany. His father emigrated to this country when Martin was six years of age and the family settled in Crystal City, Missouri. Here Martin Duster learned the glass-making trade, which he followed during his life, working in DuBois and Butler, Pennsylvania. He died in 1916 and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Duster was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania. To this union three children were born: (1) Elmer Joseph, doctor of pharmacy, a graduate of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, now proprietor of a large drug store in that city; (2) Stella, married Mr. Cavallero, resides in Butler; and (3) A. M., the subject of this sketch.

The preliminary education of Doctor Duster was obtained in the public schools of Falls Creek, Pennsylvania, and Butler High School, class of 1917. He spent two years at the University of Pittsburgh, and in 1924 he received from Jefferson Medical College the degree

of Doctor of Medicine. He served his internship in Pittsburgh Hospital, 1924-1925, and on January 1, 1926, he engaged in active general practice at Butler. During the war Doctor Duster was in the Students' Army Training Corps.

Doctor Duster is a member of the Butler County Medical Society.

William J. Beatty, D. D. S. Prominent among the professional men of Butler is William J. Beatty, who has practiced dentistry for thirty-five years, twenty-nine years of which have been in this city. He is the son of Thomas S. and Jemima (Sutton) Beatty, and was born December 28, 1867, in Parkers Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania.

Thomas S. Beatty was born April 2, 1837, and died November 18, 1899. His wife was born February 15, 1839, and died February 4, 1924. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beatty are buried at Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. Mr. Beatty enlisted during the Civil war on February 26, 1864, in the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers. His two brothers, George W. and Reed Beatty, were also Civil War soldiers. Thomas S. Beatty followed farming and stock raising and was a prominent man in his community. To Thomas S. and Jemima (Sutton) Beatty eight children were born: (1) Emma, married C. E. McCracken, farmer and stockman, resides near Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania; (2) William J., the subject of this sketch; (3) J. F., with the Butler Water Company, Butler; (4) Elizabeth, married John Hines, resides in Elwood City, Pennsylvania; (5) Blanche, married C. P. Rhoades, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania; (6) Stella, married O. A. Hines, oil operator, Slippery Rock; (7) Effie, deceased; and (8) Thomas E., a farmer, lives near Slippery Rock.

William J. Beatty attended the public schools of Butler County, and Slippery Rock State Normal School. He then entered Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, University of Maryland, and graduated with the class of 1892, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He first practiced his profession at Harmony, Pennsylvania, later removed to Williamstown, Pennsylvania, and in 1897 came to Butler, where he soon built up a splendid practice, which he has continued

up to the present time. He is a member of the Butler County Dental Society and served as its president in 1906 and again in 1922, and also a member of the Pennsylvania State Dental Association, the American Dental Association and the Odontological Society of Western Pennsylvania.

Doctor Beatty graduated in 1897 from the Haskell Post Graduate School of Prosthetic Dentistry, Chicago, and in 1918 from the Hancock Post Graduate School of Conductive Anaesthesia of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in 1922 from Roach Class Partial Denture Course School of Chicago, Illinois.

In 1895 Doctor Beatty was married to Miss Rose Ziegler, a daughter of David M. and Elizabeth (Stauffer) Ziegler, natives of Harmony, Pennsylvania. He died May 1, 1924, and his widow died January 1, 1925. They are buried in Zelienople, Pennsylvania.

David M. Ziegler, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Jackson Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, of pioneer ancestry. His father was David Ziegler, a son of Abraham Ziegler, who came from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and purchased a large tract of land and engaged in farming and stock raising. The maternal grandfather, Henry Stauffer, purchased his land when he came to Butler County from Abraham Ziegler, and they lived as neighbors during their entire lives. There were six children in the Ziegler family, as follows: (1) Ira S., born July 4, 1866, in Jackson Township, Butler County. At the age of nineteen years he entered the offices of the P. & W. Railroad at Harmony and learned the telegrapher's trade. In 1888 he was appointed agent for the company at Bakertown, Pennsylvania. In 1891 he engaged in the wholesale coal business. Later served as bookkeeper for Gelbach Brothers, Patterson Lockwood Oil Company, and the Natural Gas Company. On August 21, 1896, he purchased the Connoquenessing Valley News from the firm of Young & Stoughon. In June, 1898, he purchased the "Globe," a weekly paper at Evans City, Pennsylvania, and continued as editor until December 28, 1901, when he disposed of his newspapers and devoted his time to his oil interests. In January, 1907, he was elected president of the First National Bank of Zelienople. In 1890 he married Miss Clara Pennell. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He died in 1915. (2) Fred, a train dispatcher on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, died in 1923; (3) Miles,

died in 1908, was a druggist; (4) Homer, manager of the Pittsburgh Oil Well Supply Company, resides in Charleston, West Virginia; (5) Sally, married F. E. Longwell, and she is deceased; and (6) Mrs. Beatty.

To Doctor and Mrs. Beatty two sons have been born: (1) Othello Z., born October 7, 1895, graduate of Butler High School, Allegheny College, B. S. degree in 1920, and from the College of Dentistry, University of Pittsburgh, in 1923, with second honors, associated with his father in practice, is a member of the several dental societies. He enlisted in the Ordnance Department of the army at Columbus, Ohio, attended the Ordnance School at the University of Pittsburgh, and was sent to Camp Hancock, Georgia; ended the war interned as a foreman in U. S. Nitrate Plant No. 1, Sheffield, Alabama. Fraternally he is affiliated with Delta Sigma Delta, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner, and belongs to the American Legion. (2) Homer M., born October 11, 1906, graduate of Butler High School, Staunton Military Academy, is with the Packard Automobile Company, Butler.

Dr. William J. Beatty was one of the organizers and is a director of the South Side National Bank. In politics Doctor Beatty is a Republican, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Doctor Beatty is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 1049, Butler, and is a past grand master of the above lodge. For about thirteen years he was a member of the old organization of the Butler Chamber of Commerce.

Frank R. Hildebrand is the well known and progressive secretary of the Guaranty Trust Company at Butler, Pennsylvania. He was born at Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, March 14, 1880, and is the son of John and Lavina C. (Raudebush) Hildebrand.

A complete sketch of John Hildebrand will be found elsewhere in this history.

Frank R. Hildebrand received his education in the public schools of Butler and was graduated from high school in 1897. His first employment was with the H. J. Klinger & Company as clerk and bookkeeper, where he remained until February, 1903. He next be-

came bookkeeper in the private bank of John Berg & Company, where he remained until November, 1914, when he resigned to accept a clerkship with the Guaranty Trust Company. He was appointed secretary of the company in 1921.

On October 24, 1912, Mr. Hildebrand was married to Miss Charlotte Cumings, a daughter of Charles E. and Sarah (Burridge) Cumings, natives of Lake County, Ohio, but now residents of East Brady, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand two children have been born: Margaret J. and Sarah Catherine, both students.

Mr. Hildebrand is a Republican and has served his party as county committeeman. He is a member of the First English Lutheran Church, the State Grange, Sterling Club and Butler Country Club.

Elmer F. Findley, general agent for the Girard Life Insurance Company, with offices at 409 Butler County National Bank Building, Butler, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born September 29, 1882, in Somerset, Pennsylvania, and is a son of William Francis and Catherine E. (Eizenbarth) Findley.

Catherine E. (Eizenbarth) Findley was born in Germany and came to the United States when a young woman and settled in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. William F. Findley, born in that county, was a blacksmith by trade. He worked on the boats on the Ohio River when Mark Twain was one of his fellow workers. Mr. Findley died in May, 1910, and is buried in West Newton, Pennsylvania. His widow resides in Butler. To this union seven children were born: Elmer F., the subject of this sketch; William J., stationary engineer, West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth Katherine, married George Gilmore; she is deceased and he lives at Coal Bluff, Pennsylvania; Margaret, Frederick, and Harry, all deceased, and buried at West Newton, Pennsylvania; and James L., who resides in Akron, Ohio.

Elmer F. Findley received a good education in the public schools of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and upon leaving school worked on the farm in Ligonier Valley for three years, then as a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad for one year. He then traveled for a year through the West and in November, 1902, was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in the West

Newton office. He was promoted to assistant superintendent in 1906 and transferred to Washington, Pennsylvania, and in 1908 he was sent to Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as assistant superintendent. In August, 1911, Mr. Findley resigned his position and removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he expected to go into business, but was prevented by ill health. He later removed to Zelienople, Butler County, and assumed charge of the office of the Universal Health and Accident Insurance Company, where he remained until September, 1913, when he came to Butler and established a general insurance agency. On October 1, 1917, he became general agent for the Girard Life Insurance Company, and also has the agency for many other insurance companies. Mr. Findley is a member of the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Life Section of the Butler County Advisory Board, National Association of Life Underwriters, and one of the organizers and the first president of the Butler Life Underwriters' Association, and is a member of its Board of Directors.

On January 1, 1906, Mr. Findley was married to Miss Mabel Rodham, a daughter of Joseph and Isabelle (Harrison) Rodham, both deceased. Mr. Rodham was a coal operator, and a resident of Industry, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Findley had four children: Rodham E., born February 9, 1908, died in 1914; Ruth F., Grace N., and Gladys I., all students.

Mr. Findley is a Democrat, a member of the Lions' Club, Y. M. C. A., Butler County Motor Association, Butler Board of Commerce, and American Automobile Association. During the World War Mr. Findley served on the district draft board and on the Butler County United War Work Committee. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Butler County.

Paul C. Frazier, Doctor of Chiropractic, with offices in the Rockenstein Building, Butler, is one of the successful professional men of this city. He was born in Butler County, near Portersville, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1889, and is a son of Robert S. and Martha (Trusdale) Frazier.

Robert S. Frazier was born in Butler County and was a successful farmer and stockman. He lived retired about five years before his death, which occurred December 24, 1926, on his farm in "Old Homestead," Muddy Creek Township, Butler County. His wife was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Frazier was a Democrat, and served as supervisor of the township school board. He belonged to the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier were the parents of eight children: (1) Stephen, married Clara Snyder, resides in Muddy Creek Township. They have four children: Roberta, Myrtle, Joseph and Ruth. (2) George S. married Laura Wooster, reside in Muddy Creek Township, where he is a farmer. They have four children: Sarah, Martha, David and Thomas. (3) Sadie, married Harry Dunbaugh, Connoquenessing Township, Butler County, where he is engaged in the oil business. They have six children: Robert, Edward, Ernest, Hazel, Gladys, and Richard. (4) Paul C., the subject of this sketch; (5) Letitia, married Ralph McCymonds, a farmer, Muddy Creek Township, and they have four children: Fred, Floyd, Clark, and Florence. (6) Frank, a veteran of the World War, U. S. Engineers, married Anna Kennedy, Muddy Creek Township, engaged in oil business. They have three children: Bessie, Jean and Edna Mae. (7) Florence, at home; and (8) Walter, at home, married Alice Miller, and they have two children, Kenneth and Helen.

Robert S. Frazier was a son of George Frazier, who was born in Ireland and with his brother John came to the United States and settled in Butler County, Pennsylvania, where they followed farming and stock raising, and were prominent citizens of the community. George Frazier's farm consisted of about 600 acres.

Paul C. Frazier attended the public schools of Muddy Creek Township and Slippery Rock State Normal School, after which he taught school for six years. In February, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Army, in the Three Hundred and Twenty-ninth Infantry, Eighty-third Division, Company A. He served in France for eight months, and was commissioned corporal. He was mustered out of service February 14, 1919, at Camp Dix, New Jersey. After his discharge from duty he went to the Universal Chiropractic College in Pittsburgh, from which he graduated March 1, 1923. He located at

Butler and began the practice of his profession. Doctor Frazier also took special courses in electro-therapy.

In 1918 Doctor Frazier was married to Miss Evelyn Martin, a daughter of K. O. and Fanny C. (McCune) Martin, natives of Butler and Lawrence Counties. Mr. Martin was engaged in the oil business in Connoquenessing Township. He died October 30, 1926. Doctor and Mrs. Frazier have a son, J. Victor, born June 19, 1924.

Doctor Frazier is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Prospect, Pennsylvania, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a member of the Butler County Chiropractic Association, of which he is secretary and treasurer. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are members of the First United Presbyterian Church. Doctor Frazier is a substantial member of the community and a highly esteemed citizen.

Thomas W. Watson, prosecuting attorney, is among the representative and influential citizens of Butler County. He was born in Butler, April 11, 1876, and is the son of William and Julia (Marshall) Watson.

William Watson, deceased, was a native of Winfield Township, Butler County. He spent practically his entire life in Butler and was a successful merchant. He died in 1904. His widow, a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, lives in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Watson had the following children: Charles Edward, lives at Butler; Ellen, married J. L. Blair, lives at Koppel, Pennsylvania; Blanche R., married R. E. Thompson, lives at Edgewood, Pennsylvania; Mary Alice, married Glen Ferguson, lives at Swissvale, Pennsylvania; and Thomas, the subject of this sketch.

Thomas W. Watson received his early schooling in the township schools and Mt. Pleasant Academy. He then studied law at the University of Pittsburgh, and after his admission to the bar of Butler County in 1906 he engaged in practice in this city, where he has since been located. Mr. Watson was associated with the late J. D. Marshall for several years. He is now associated with James E. Marshall and they have offices at 301 Butler County National Bank Building. Mr.



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Watson has served in his present capacity as prosecuting attorney since 1923.

Mr. Watson has always been a Republican. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge, and Butler Country Club. He is a Spanish-American War veteran, having served as a member of Company E. Fifteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

The subject of this sketch is a member of a family that settled in the present confines of Butler County before the county was established and the members of which were of Revolutionary stock. First, Thomas Watson, born in Ireland in 1759, served in the War of the Revolution, as a private in Captain McGowan's company under Lieutenant-Colonel Bicker, and enlisted at Middletown, Pennsylvania, was taken prisoner by the British at Brandywine and was confined at Wilmington, Delaware, on a British prison ship until he finally made his escape. He died in 1845. Second, John Davis, enlisted in the army at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, under Col. Oliver Spencer Holmes in Captain Pierson's Company in 1876, and served throughout the entire war. He participated in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, White Marsh, Connecticut Farms and Short Hills. He died in 1841.

Their children, James Watson and Mary Davis, were married and lived in Clinton Township. James volunteered and served in the War of 1812. To this union were born the following children: Sarah; Deborah; Rebecca; Mary Ann; Maria; Phoebe; John; James and Thomas. Thomas was the grandfather of the subject of the sketch, married Mary Galbreath and lived in Winfield Township his entire life, where William Watson, the father, was born and reared to manhood.

William Frederick Pohl, M. D., of Butler, is one of the successful young professional men of the city. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1898, the son of Fred W. and Bertie (Hains) Pohl.

Fred W. Pohl was born in Hanover, Germany, the son of Carl and Augusta (Miller) Pohl. After the death of his wife in Germany,

Carl Pohl came to the United States in 1883 and settled in Pittsburgh. He was a graduate of Hanover College, Germany, and a veteran of the Franco-Prussian War. In Pittsburgh he conducted a school of music as well as a private day school. He is deceased and is buried in Pittsburgh.

Fred W. Pohl received a good education in the public schools, after which he learned the patternmaker's trade, which he followed in Pittsburgh until 1904, when he came to Butler and began work for the Standard Steel Car Company. Mr. Pohl is now general foreman of the pattern department. He is a Republican, and a member of Grace Lutheran Church. In the Masonic fraternity his affiliations are with New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Syria Caravan of Butler, Pennsylvania. He is also a member of Veteran Patternmakers' Association of Pittsburgh. His wife, Bertie (Hains) Pohl, was born in Pittsburgh, the daughter of John Henry and Jane (Brace) Hains, both now deceased. Mr. Hains was for many years a painting contractor in Pittsburgh. To Mr. and Mrs. Pohl three children were born: Dr. William Frederick, the subject of this sketch; Evelyn, married O. M. Smith, proprietor of a gas and service station, Brookville, Pennsylvania; and Charles M., a student in the Medical Department of the University of West Virginia.

Doctor Pohl acquired his early education in the public and high schools of Butler. While attending Gettysburg College he enlisted in the U. S. Army, on April 12, 1917, and was sent to Columbus Barracks, and from there to El Paso, Texas, where he was assigned to Company B, Seventeenth Infantry, U. S. Regulars. Later he was transferred to Camp McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia, and then to General Hospital No. 6. He was sent to the Artillery School at Camp Taylor, where he was appointed second lieutenant and assigned to general paper work of the Depot Brigade. He was discharged November 30, 1918, and returned to Gettysburg College. In 1923 Doctor Pohl received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College. His internship was spent in Frankfort Hospital, 1923-1924. In 1924 Doctor Pohl returned to Butler, where he has built up a large and representative practice and already has gained high standing in his profession.

In 1926 Doctor Pohl was appointed state tuberculosis clinician for Butler County, Pennsylvania.

In 1924 Doctor Pohl received a commission as first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, Medical Detachment of the One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry of Butler, Pennsylvania. He also holds a commission as a first lieutenant in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army. Doctor Pohl attended school at Carlisle Barracks, U. S. Army Medical Department of the Field Service School, and is a member of the Jefferson Reserve Medical Unit.

On April 20, 1924, Doctor Pohl was married to Miss Jessie M. Thistle, a daughter of David and Margaret (Thomas) Thistle, residents of Philadelphia, where Mr. Thistle is supervisor of welding for the City of Philadelphia.

Doctor Pohl is a member of the Butler County Medical Society, Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and Fellow of the American Medical Association. He is affiliated with Victory Lodge No. 694, F. and A. M.; Butler Chapter No. 273, R. A. M.; Lorain Commandery No. 80, K. T., and Junior Order of American Mechanics. He is a member of Delta Kappa Sigma, Theta Kappa Psi, Ptolemy Society, and the American Legion. Doctor Pohl is a member of the staff of Butler Memorial Hospital. In politics the Doctor is a Republican and he and Mrs. Pohl are members of the Grace Lutheran Church.

Dr. Victor A. Hite, of Butler, Pennsylvania, is one of the leading practitioners of chiropody in the county. He was born in Butler, January 22, 1900, the son of William H. and Catherine (Victor) Hite.

William H. Hite was born in Petrolia, Pennsylvania, and his wife is a native of Lancaster, New York. Victor A. Hite is their only child. William H. Hite was associated with his father, Conrad Hite, in the oil business for many years. He is now a salesman for the Oil Well Supply Company of Bradford, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican, a member of Grace Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Doctor Hite acquired his early education in the public and high schools of Butler, and in June, 1923, received his degree at Temple University, Philadelphia. He served one year in interne work at

Lit Brothers Hospital, Philadelphia, and in May, 1924, opened offices in Butler, and is located at 117 South McKean Street. Doctor Hite was the first member of his profession to locate in Butler, where he has built up a large and representative practice. Doctor Hite was a member of the faculty of Temple College for a time after his graduation.

In 1920 Doctor Hite enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twelfth Machine Gun Company, and served for four years. After the expiration of this enlistment, he enlisted in the Medical Detachment of the One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry, Twenty-eighth Division, Pennsylvania National Guard. He is now the hospital sergeant in this division.

In May, 1925, Doctor Hite married Miss Helen Courtney, a daughter of Benjamin B. and Maude (Stauffer) Courtney, residents of Butler County.

Doctor Hite is a Republican and a member of the Pi Epsilon Delta and Chiropody Society of Pennsylvania. He and his wife are active members of the Grace Lutheran Church.

Dr. A. M. Padilla, physician and surgeon, engaged in the successful practice of his profession at Butler, is one of the progressive and influential young men of the county. He was born at San Juan, Porto Rico, January 27, 1890, the son of Julio and Mary Padilla, both natives of Porto Rico.

Julio Padilla received his early education in Porto Rico, later graduating with the degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Madrid, Spain. He practiced his profession for a time, later devoting all his time to his large sugar cane and coffee plantation in Porto Rico. He died in 1912 and his wife died in 1892. They are both buried at San Juan. They were the parents of six children, all of whom are deceased, except Dr. A. M., the subject of this sketch.

A. M. Padilla was educated in private schools in San Juan, and in 1900 came to the United States. He attended St. John's Military Academy, Culver Military Institute, and graduated from Mercersburg Academy, Pennsylvania, in 1908. He then attended the University

of Pennsylvania, from which he received his A. B. degree in 1911, and received his degree as Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1914. His internship was spent at the Jefferson Hospital and Frankford Hospital, Philadelphia. He opened an office for the practice of his profession at Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1916, where he remained one year.

During the World War Doctor Padilla enlisted in 1917 in the U. S. Army Medical Corps as a first lieutenant. He served in France until November, 1917. Doctor Padilla was attached to a Scotch Highlander regiment and was wounded at Pascandal Ridge. He was returned to the United States in February, 1918, and was discharged as a first lieutenant. He then went to Thomas, West Virginia, as physician for the Davis Coal & Coke Company. In 1920 he came to Butler and became associated with Dr. J. E. Atwell.

In 1911 Doctor Padilla was married to Miss Emily Fowler, a daughter of George and Kate Fowler, of Philadelphia. Mr. Fowler, deceased, was a marine engineer. To Doctor and Mrs. Padilla two children have been born: Mercedes, born in February, 1917; and Julio, born in February, 1919.

Doctor Padilla is a member of the Butler County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he maintains membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the American Legion.

Joseph Patrick Treccase, M. D., of Butler, is one of the successful young professional men of the city. He was born in Italy, September 29, 1898, and is a son of Joseph and Josephine Treccase, both natives of Italy.

Joseph Treccase worked as manager of his father's farms in Italy. In 1900 he came to the United States and settled at DuBois, Pennsylvania, and later about 1901 came to Butler, where he conducted a shoe store for many years. He is now living retired. To Joseph and Josephine Treccase four children were born: Mary, married Peter Marino, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Joseph Patrick, the subject of this sketch; Anna and Anthony, at home.

Joseph Patrick Treccase attended the public schools of Butler, graduating from the high school in 1917. In 1917 he entered Washington-Lee University of Virginia. In 1919 he entered the Medical College of Virginia, where he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1923. From 1923 to 1924 he served as interne at St. Joseph's Hospital, Pittsburgh. He located in Butler in 1924 and established his present offices at 343 South Main Street. During the World War Doctor Treccase was a member of the Students' Army Training Corps at Washington-Lee University.

Doctor Treccase is a Republican in political allegiance, and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and has served as vice president and is now secretary and treasurer of the Chi Zeta Chi.

George Edwin Howard, consulting engineer, Butler, Pennsylvania, is a successful man in his profession and well known in Butler. He was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, December 21, 1871, and is a son of Edwin J. and Sarah F. (Rice) Howard.

Edwin J. Howard was a son of Judge Caleb Howard, a prominent manufacturer, and a resident of Delaware, Ohio. For a time Edwin J. Howard engaged in business at Cuyahoga Falls, later removing to Butler, where he was secretary of the Standard Plate Glass Company. He died in 1911 and is buried at Cuyahoga Falls. There were three children in the Howard family: George Edwin, the subject of this sketch; Miss E. P. Howard, lives at Orlando, Florida; and Mrs. E. D. Sperry, Coquille, Oregon.

George Edwin Howard attended the public schools of Akron, Buchtel College (now Akron University), and was graduated from Cornell University in 1893, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. After leaving college he came to Butler, where he was master mechanic of the Standard Plate Glass Company, later being promoted to assistant superintendent. He remained with this company from 1893 until 1900, when he went to Saginaw, Michigan, and was engaged in the designing and construction of the plant of the Saginaw Plate Glass Company, now a part of the General Motors Company. He served as superintendent of this plant for eight months. From 1903

until 1922 he was general consulting engineer for the glass industry all over the world, with the exception that in 1912 he was chief engineer for the H. L. Dixon Company of Pittsburgh, glass works and engineering contractors. In 1904 Mr. Howard purchased the Butler Brick and Tile Company, and became treasurer and general manager of the concern. He managed this in conjunction with his other business. In 1919 he organized the Howard Automatic Glass Feeder Company, to lease and develop his patents. This was later consolidated with other companies and is known as the Hartford Empire Company of Hartford, Connecticut, with offices in Butler, Pennsylvania, and Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Howard is consulting engineer for the company.

In 1901 Mr. Howard was married to Miss Jean Campbell, a daughter of T. Chalmers and Juliette (Estepp) Campbell.

Mr. Campbell was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, in 1848, and was the son of James Campbell, who was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and came to Butler about 1840, where he engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years. T. Chalmers Campbell attended the public schools, Witherspoon Academy, and Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. He pursued and completed his law studies under Col. John M. Thompson and Samuel and W. S. Purviance, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1860 he was admitted to the bar of Allegheny County and practiced there until 1872, when he located in Butler, Pennsylvania. For the first five years he was associated in practice with J. D. McJunkin, under the firm name of McJunkin & Campbell, which partnership was later dissolved. In 1873 Mr. Campbell married Juliette D. Estepp, of Allegheny.

To George Edwin and Jean (Campbell) Howard three children have been born: Juliette, a graduate of St. Mary's School, and Miss Niel's School, of Boston, Massachusetts; George Edwin, Jr., a student at Cornell University; and James Oliver Campbell Howard, a student.

Mr. Howard is a Republican in politics. He has served as a member of the school board for ten years, as president of the Rotary Club of Butler, and as a director of the Public Library and as senior warden of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Board of Commerce, Cornell Club of New York City, Sterling and Country Clubs of Butler.

William H. Martin stands as a splendid representative of the legal profession in Butler County and is among the most prominent citizens of Butler. He was born in Penn Township, Butler County, December 7, 1858, and is the son of John and Rosanna (Pryor) Martin.

John Martin, deceased, was a native of Butler County, born in Clearfield Township. He was a building contractor and was one of the first prominent builders of this section. He also served as county treasurer for one term. Mr. Martin died in 1879 and his wife died in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Martin had the following children: James C., Elizabeth A., Emma J., and Mary R., all deceased; William H., the subject of this sketch; Ella; John J. and Oliver M., both deceased.

William H. Martin received his education in the schools of Butler County. He also attended Witherspoon Institute and Rev. W. I. Brugh's School, being graduated from the latter institution in 1878. He began his business career in the oil fields of this district and later entered the law office of Frank M. Eastman, Butler. Mr. Martin was admitted to the bar September 20, 1882, and immediately engaged in practice in Butler, where he remained until 1892, when he engaged in the practice of law at Fairmont, West Virginia. In 1897 he returned to Butler and has since practiced in this city.

Mr. Martin was married in 1880 to Miss Lydia C. Reed, the daughter of George W. and Harriet (Holliday) Reed, of Prospect, Pennsylvania. To them were born nine children, as follows: Arthur L., engaged in the real estate business at Los Angeles, California, married Anna Brown, and they have two daughters, Edna and Helen; Frank E., died in 1890; Blanche E., married George C. Bowner, lives at Albion, Michigan, and they have two children, Jean and Frank; Hattie, deceased; Winfield M., lives at Butler, married Josephine Titley, and they have two children, Phyllis and Allen; Grace, married Kenneth J. Lutz, lives at Butler; Georgia, deceased; Gladys, deceased; and Ruth E., married Melville C. Morgan, lives at Butler.

Mr. Martin is a Democrat. He is chairman of the Democratic County Committee and a member of the Democratic State Committee. He holds membership in St. Paul's Reform Church, is a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur and Protected Home Circle, and belongs to the Woodmen of the World, of which he served as council commander for many years.



WILLIAM H. MARTIN

Foster E. Hepler is a progressive young business man of Butler, where he is engaged in the general insurance business, with offices at 512 Butler County National Bank Building. He was born in Brinkerton, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1899, and is a son of Alkanah and Emma (Stahlman) Hepler.

Alkanah Hepler, deceased, was born in Toby Township, Clarion County, and his wife was a native of Limestone Township, Clarion County. Mr. Hepler died October 31, 1917, and Mrs. Hepler died in August, 1903. Both are buried at Frogtown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hepler was a farmer in early life and later learned the miller's trade and for many years conducted a flour and feed mill. He was a Republican and a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hepler were the parents of nine children: (1) Carney, married Carey Henry, resides in Clarion County, where he is engaged in the sawmill business; (2) Effie and (3) Carrie, both deceased; (4) Erna, married Albert M. Campbell, a ranch owner, of Torrington, Wyoming; (5) Byron E., married Ella Bossert, live at Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he is vice president and treasurer of the Hope Engineering & Supply Company; (6) Elsie, married James C. Campbell, head carpenter for a big refinery, live at Casper, Wyoming; (7) John A., a farmer, Clarion County, married Margaret Morris; (8) Albert Karl, a veteran of the World war, U. S. Medical Corps, discharged as sergeant, first class, resides at New Alexandria, Pennsylvania, where he is owner of a flour and feed mill, married Alice Tippery, and they have two children, Robert H. and Andrew K.; and (9) Foster E., the subject of this sketch.

Foster E. Hepler attended the public schools in Clarion County, Cherry Run and Sligo High Schools, after which he worked in his father's mill until he enlisted in the U. S. Army. He was in the S. A. T. C. Vocational Training Corps in the Engineering Department, and was discharged at State College. He studied at the Carnegie Technical College, and in 1919, in partnership with his brother, Albert K. Hepler, he purchased the mill, formerly owned by their father, from the heirs, and conducted it until December, 1921, when it was destroyed by fire. Mr. Hepler then went on the road as a salesman for the Reed Milling Company, of Brookville, Pennsylvania, until 1925,

when he came to Butler and engaged in the insurance business. He is agent for the Travelers' Insurance Company.

In 1922 Mr. Hepler was married to Izora Truby, a daughter of William P. and Bertha (Logue) Truby, natives of Clarion County. Mr. and Mrs. Truby are deceased and are buried at Callensburg, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Hepler a son has been born, Foster Eugene, Jr., born November 16, 1925.

Mr. Hepler is affiliated with Canby Lodge No. 520, F. and A. M., St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania. Politically Mr. Hepler is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

Carl G. Phillips, one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Butler, is a native Pennsylvanian. He was born at Leatherwood, Clarion County, April 13, 1884, and is a son of M. L. and Pearl (Fulton) Phillips, both natives of Clarion County.

M. L. Phillips was born April 13, 1860, and began life as a farmer. He studied pharmacy and for five years conducted a drug store at Leeper, Pennsylvania. He sold this business and is now living retired on his farm at Leatherwood, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican and a member of the Baptist Church. His wife, who was born December 15, 1862, is a member of the Presbyterian Church. To this union five children were born: Carl G., the subject of this sketch; Nellie, married R. F. Brown, a general merchant, Tampa, Florida; Fred, a World War veteran, having served in France with the Third Division, U. S. Infantry, now an agriculturist, in Clarion County, Pennsylvania; James, a veteran of the World war, a contracting painter, Leatherwood, Pennsylvania; and Leland, lives in Butler.

Carl G. Phillips attended the public school of Clarion County, Clarion Normal School, and Valparaiso University. After leaving college he was a teacher in the Clarion County schools for seven years. In 1910 he came to Butler as assistant general storekeeper for the Standard Steel Car Company, in which position he remained until 1920. In the latter year he was appointed tax collector for the

City of Butler and served for three years. In January, 1925, Mr. Phillips was appointed alderman for the Fifth Ward to fill an unexpired term, and in November, 1925, was elected to that office, and has performed his duties with a high degree of fidelity and efficiency.

In 1910 Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Bess Dixon, a daughter of W. O. and Nancy Dixon, natives of Clarion County, Pennsylvania. To this union four children were born: Helen, a student; Nancy Pearl, deceased, buried in Leatherwood, Pennsylvania; Romaine, a student, and Martha. Mrs. Phillips died in 1920 and is buried at Leatherwood, Pennsylvania. Mr. Phillips was married the second time in 1924 to Miss Frances Miller, a daughter of James Miller, of Clarion County. Mr. Miller is deceased. To Carl G. and Frances (Miller) Phillips one son has been born, James.

Mr. Phillips is a Republican and a member of Grace Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Knights of Krassin, D. O. O. K.

Chris L. McQuiston. A lawyer of exceptional ability and well matured powers and experience, Mr. McQuiston has been a member of the Butler County bar since 1901 and has built up an extensive practice. His offices are at 10 West Diamond Street, Butler, Pennsylvania. He was born in this city, February 24, 1876, the son of Lev and Sue (Beam) McQuiston.

Lev McQuiston, deceased, was a son of William and Mary McQuiston, born in Butler, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1849. He read law in the office of L. Z. Mitchell, after his graduation from Witherspoon Institute. He was admitted to the bar on June 10, 1870, and in 1874 was elected district attorney. Mr. McQuiston took an active part in politics and was one of the most prominent Democrats of Western Pennsylvania. He was nominated twice for congress and once for president judge by the Democratic party. In 1880 he was a delegate to the National Democratic convention, which nominated General Hancock for the presidency.

Lev McQuiston was married in January, 1874, to Miss Sue Beam, a daughter of George Beam of Harmony, a member of an old and

prominent family of Butler County. Mr. McQuiston died May 10, 1910, and his widow died September 3, 1924. Both are buried in North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania. Mr. McQuiston was affiliated with Butler Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 272; Butler Chapter R. A. M. No. 273; Lorain Commandery, K. T. No. 87; B. P. O. Elks, No. 170, and the Knights of Pythias. He was a member of the Butler County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Chris L. McQuiston received his preliminary education in the public schools of Butler, later attending Kiskinimetas School and West Point Military Academy, and from there entered Bucknell University, from which he received his A. B. degree in 1899. He then returned to Butler and read law with his father, Lev McQuiston, and J. C. Vanderlin, the firm later being Wilson, McQuiston & Vanderlin. Mr. McQuiston was admitted to the bar in 1910, and was associated in practice with his father until the latter's death, when he took over his practice also.

In 1905 Mr. McQuiston was married to Myrtle Galbreath, a daughter of Milton L. and Viola M. Galbreath. Mr. Galbreath, who was a druggist, is now deceased and is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Woodland, California.

Mr. McQuiston is a Democrat and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the B. P. O. Elks No. 170, past exalted ruler; Butler Lodge F. and A. M. No. 272; New Castle Consistory, 32nd degree; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Syria Caravan, of Butler, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Butler Country Club, the Butler County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Mr. McQuiston ranks high as a citizen and is held in high repute by his brethren of the bar associations as a lawyer of learning and ability.

A. H. Ziegler, M. D., of Butler, graduated in medicine and qualified himself for the practice of that profession twenty years ago. Except for an interval during the World War, his professional work has all been in Butler. He was born in Butler, October 11, 1882, and is a son of William G. and Mary (Troutman) Ziegler.

William G. Ziegler was born in Butler Township, Butler County, May 25, 1858, and was the son of W. S. and Susan (Schleppy) Ziegler. W. S. Ziegler was the son of George Ziegler, formerly of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and was a brother of Capt. Jacob Ziegler, the founder of the Democrat Herald.

W. G. Ziegler, father of our subject, was educated in the district schools of Butler County and learned the printer's trade in the office of the old Democrat Herald, which at that time was owned by his uncle, Capt. Jacob Ziegler. He remained in the printing office, gradually rising from one position to another until he became foreman. In 1888 he became part owner and continued to issue the paper until June, 1899, when he sold his interests, after an association with that journal of twenty-four years' duration. In April, 1884, in partnership with C. M. and W. J. Heineman, he established the Times, and continued that publication until 1885. In 1900 he established the Ziegler Printing Company, job printers and bookbinders, and with this enterprise he continued until he retired. This business was purchased by George Worner, but is still under the name of the Ziegler Printing Company. He married Miss Mary Troutman, a daughter of Adam Troutman, one of the leading citizens of Butler. Doctor Ziegler is their only child. Mrs. Ziegler is a member of the German Lutheran Church. Mr. Ziegler is a Democrat and a member of the German Lutheran Church, and was very active in musical societies.

A. H. Ziegler was educated in the public schools of Butler, graduating from the high school in 1900. He then entered the Washington and Jefferson College, and was graduated from the Medical Department in 1906. His interne work was taken at Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Kappa Sigma and Phi Beta Pi fraternities. In 1907 Doctor Ziegler returned to Butler and began the practice of his profession. He is a member of the Butler County Medical Society, of which he has been president and secretary; the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and is on the staff of the Butler Memorial Hospital.

During the World War Doctor Ziegler enlisted in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army and was sent to Camp Greenleaf, and at the time of his discharge from the army was a first lieutenant. In

1924 Doctor Ziegler took a post-graduate course in medicine at Harvard University.

In 1913 Doctor Ziegler was married to Miss Kathaleen Bonner, a daughter of J. A. and Catherine (Riddle) Bonner, natives of Venango County, later removing to Butler County. Mr. Bonner was field superintendent for the T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company. He is now living retired. To Doctor and Mrs. Ziegler two daughters have been born: Mary, a student; and Elizabeth Ann.

Doctor Ziegler is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Sterling Club, Butler Country Club, Kiwanis Club, and is secretary of the Board of Pension Examiners of Butler County.

Abel Fisher, proprietor of Fisher's Dry Cleaning Works, Butler, Pennsylvania, is a native of England. He was born in Bradford, England, June 14, 1878, the son of Robert and Sybil (Hartley) Fisher.

Robert Fisher was born in England in 1853 and in 1881 he came to the United States. He learned the dye business in his native land and his first position in this country was with the Hamilton Manufacturing Company, Lowell, Massachusetts, where he remained ten years. He was then employed in the felt mills at Rahway, New Jersey, for eight months, and following that was employed by the Kent Worsted Mills, Kent, Ohio, as boss dyer and finisher. From Kent he went to Philadelphia with John Beardsley & Sons. He engaged in business for himself at Jamestown, New York, for three years, later conducting a business at New Castle, Pennsylvania. He later worked at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and Jamestown, New York, where he was boss dyer in the Empire Worsted Mills for four years. At the end of that time he came to Butler and established a fine plant here which he has equipped with all the necessary appliances for the best kind of work. He is now retired and resides at Niles, California. In 1877 Mr. Fisher married Sybil Hartley, and to this union three children were born: Abel, the subject of this sketch; Emily, married C. E. Martenstein, lives at Niles, California, where he is with the Travelers Insurance Company; and Joseph H., who died in 1918, and is buried in Summit Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania. He was associated in business with his brother Abel Fisher.

Abel Fisher was educated in the public schools of Jamestown, New York. After leaving school he was employed by the Empire Worsted Mills and learned the dyeing business, under his father's instruction, who was foreman in this shop. He came with his parents to Butler and has been engaged in this business ever since. Upon the retirement of his father from active business, he and his brother Joseph H. purchased the business. After the death of his brother he became the sole owner.

In 1901 Mr. Fisher was married to Estelle J. Heydrick, a daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Nellis) Heydrick. Mr. Heydrick was a civil engineer and served as county surveyor, and was also a large oil producer. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in North Cemetery, Butler. Mrs. Fisher died January 6, 1913. To Abel and Estelle J. (Heydrick) Fisher four children were born: Nellis H., born in 1903, graduate of Butler High School, and of Ohio State University, with a B. A. degree, resides in Columbus, Ohio, where he is studying music; Ruth Elizabeth, graduate of Butler High School, lives in San Francisco, California, where she is associated with the Anglo London and Paris National Bank; and Robert Clark and Jessie Sybil, twins, both students. Mr. Fisher's second marriage took place in November, 1924, to Elizabeth Negley, a daughter of W. C. and Emma (Armor) Negley. W. C. Negley was born in Butler Borough, December 18, 1850, and was the son of John H. and Mary (Harper) Negley, "the pioneer of Butler." W. C. Negley attended the public schools and one term in the old Stone Academy. In 1865 he entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, where he remained four years. He was forced to abandon his naval service on account of ill health. He returned to Butler and became associated in business with his father in the publication of the Citizen. In 1888 he became sole owner and publisher of that paper. In 1878 he married Emma Armor, a daughter of Squire Armor of Zelienople, Pennsylvania. Mr. Negley was a staunch Republican. He is deceased and his widow resides in Butler. By a former marriage Mrs. Fisher had a son William Negley Felton, who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher is a Republican and a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A.

M.; New Castle Consistory, 32nd degree; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh; Syria Caravan, Butler, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Rotary Club. Mr. Fisher takes an active interest in the Boy Scout movement and is president of the Butler County Boy Scouts of America.

H. W. Beighley, city treasurer of Butler, is among the representative men of Butler County. He was born in Clintonville, Venango County, Pennsylvania, December 4, 1881, and is a son of Aaron and Matilda (Moyer) Beighley.

Aaron Beighley, son of Michael and Catherine Beighley, was born in Lancaster Township, Butler County, February 25, 1844. He was reared on his father's farm and received a common school education. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was mustered into service at Pittsburgh, and served until June 1, 1863, when he was honorably discharged. On February 15, 1864, he reenlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Twelfth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and went with his regiment to Georgetown Camp, thence to Fort Ethan Allen, Cold Harbor, City Point, Weldon Railroad, Chapman's Farm and Petersburg, and was discharged at Philadelphia, January 29, 1866. Returning to Butler County he learned the carpenter's trade and worked in New Castle, Pennsylvania, until 1876. In that year he located in Bullion Oil Field and has been in the oil producing business for years. In 1883 he came to Butler, Pennsylvania, and was superintendent of rig building for the T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company. He was married in April, 1867, to Miss Matilda Moyer, a daughter of Samuel Moyer, of Lancaster Township, Butler County. Mrs. Beighley was born in 1848. Mr. Beighley died August 27, 1921, and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania. Mr. Beighley was a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he was trustee for many years. To this union nine children were born: (1) Ida Elmina, married Richard Hughes, foreman with the Standard Plate Glass Company, Butler; (2) Elsie Ellen, married George M. Campbell. He was a salesman for the Mulford Drug Com-



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pany and is now deceased. His widow resides in Butler; (3) Emory Samuel, a contractor, married Lulah J. Alexander, Butler; (4) Howard Percy, died in 1916, and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Butler; (5) Annie, died in infancy, buried at Middle Lancaster, Pennsylvania; (6) H. W., the subject of this sketch; (7) Plummer H., born September 12, 1883, graduate of Butler High School in 1902, Duff's Business College, Pittsburgh, in 1904; was with the Guaranty Trust Company of Butler for eight years and with the Standard Steel Car shops as pay roll clerk for twelve years, now in the city treasurer's office; (8) Nora Eleila, married H. R. DeWolf, wholesale paper dealer, Indianapolis, Indiana; and (9) Darlie May, married W. Kramer O'Brien, a salesman with the Mulford Drug Company, lives in Butler.

H. W. Beighley was educated in the public and high schools of Butler, from which he was graduated in 1900. He took a business course in Butler Business College and graduated in 1905, after which he entered the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company as assistant foreman in the shops. He remained with this company until he was elected city treasurer in 1924.

In 1919 Mr. Beighley was married to Miss Mary Sylvia McClung, a daughter of James and Sarah Bell (Wick) McClung. Mr. McClung was an oil operator in Butler County. He and his wife are both deceased and are buried at West Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Beighley is a Republican and belongs to the First Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and Lions Club.

Clyde A. Fowler, manager of the Rieck-McJunkin Dairy Company, is a well known young business man of Butler. He was born in Homer City, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1892, the son of Anderson and Elizabeth (Alexander) Fowler.

Anderson Fowler, deceased, was the son of William and Elizabeth (Coy) Fowler, natives of Indiana County, Pennsylvania. William Fowler was the son of William Fowler, an early pioneer settler of Indiana County, who originally came from Virginia. Anderson Fowler attended the district schools of Indiana County and began life farming and lumbering. He died in 1920 and is buried in Indiana,

Pennsylvania. He was a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. His wife, Elizabeth (Alexander) Fowler, was the daughter of William and Margaret (Liggett) Alexander, natives of Indiana and Westmoreland counties, respectively. Her grandfather, William Liggett, was scalped by the Indians, near Ligonier, Pennsylvania, and left for dead. He was found by a searching party and eventually entirely recovered from his wounds. The Liggett family were early pioneers of this section of the country. Elizabeth (Coy) Fowler was the daughter of William Coy, a pioneer family of Indiana County. To Anderson and Elizabeth (Alexander) Fowler one son was born, Clyde A., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Fowler lives at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Clyde A. Fowler attended the public schools of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, Indiana State Normal School, and was graduated with the degree of A. B. from Penn State College in 1922. He began his business career with the Rieck-McJunkin Dairy Company, locating at Pittsburgh, and came to Butler in November, 1922, as manager of this plant.

Clyde A. Fowler was ordered to active service as second lieutenant U. S. Reserves on May 8, 1917, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular army in October, 1917. He served with the First Division, Forty-ninth Infantry, and General Headquarters. He was returned in September, 1919, sailing from Brest, France, with the First Division. He was retired from service on account of physical disability received in the service in June, 1922, with the rank of captain in the U. S. A.

Mr. Fowler was married October 15, 1924, to Florence Evelyn Younkings, a daughter of Daniel and Eva (Minteer) Younkings. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have one son, William Alexander Fowler born February 2, 1927.

Mr. Younkings was born June 27, 1854, the son of William and Sarah Younkings. In 1876 he engaged in farming, oil drilling and contracting at Petrolia, Pennsylvania. Later he was engaged in business in Fairview, Pennsylvania. He followed the oil boom in Bradford, Pennsylvania, in 1878, and later successfully operated in McKean, Forest, Warren, Butler and Allegheny counties, locating in Butler in 1884, and engaged in operations on the Thorn Creek Field,

Butler County. He is now vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company, Butler, and is also interested in many other business enterprises in Butler. September 10, 1884, he married Eva E. Minter, a daughter of Joseph Minter, of Craigsville, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fowler is a member of the Executive Council of the American Legion; La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux; chef de gare, presiding officer since its origin; Army Athletic Association, West Point; and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Fraternally he is affiliated with Alpine Lodge No. 77, F. and A. M., Closter, New Jersey; King Solomon Chapter, R. A. M. No. 5, Louisville, Kentucky; DeMolay Commandery, K. T. No. 12, Louisville, Kentucky; treasurer of Syrian Caravan; and Kasair Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Louisville. He belongs to the Rotary, Sterling and Butler Country Clubs, and the Indiana Country Club, Indiana, Pennsylvania. In his politics, Mr. Fowler is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church of Butler. Mr. Fowler is a representative citizen who does all in his power toward the betterment and development of the city wherein he resides and works.

Louis G. Nicol, treasurer of the Guaranty Trust Company, of Butler, is a native of Ohio. He was born at Marysville, Ohio, June 25, 1870, the son of John C. and Mary B. (Berger) Nicol.

Both John C. Nicol and his wife were born in Germany and came to the United States with their parents when very young. Their families located in Columbus and there John C. Nicol learned the trade of carriage making. He established the first carriage factory at Marysville, Ohio. Mrs. Nicol died in 1916 and he died in 1918. They are both buried at Marysville, Ohio. Mr. Nicol was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church.

Louis G. Nicol attended the public schools of Marysville, Woodville Normal Academy, and graduated from the Dayton (Ohio) Business College in 1892. His first employment was with the Troy Bending Company from 1892 until 1898. From 1898 he was assistant treasurer and manager of the Hayner Distilling Company, St. Louis, Mis-

souri, branch, until 1905, when he removed to Butler and was located with Leedom & Worrall Grocery Company as an accountant from 1906 until 1908. In 1908 he became associated with the Guaranty Trust Company as an auditor. In 1911 was elected assistant treasurer and in 1916 elected treasurer, and so continues.

On October 18, 1902, Mr. Nicol was married to Miss Mary B. Zimmerman, a daughter of Dr. George Zimmerman. He was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1842, and was graduated from Jefferson College, now Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pennsylvania, in 1867, and read medicine with Dr. Stephen Bredin. He attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City during the winter of 1867-1868 and the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, the winter of 1869 and 1870. After his graduation he practiced in Winona, Minnesota, for a short time, and at Hubbard, Ohio, removing to Butler in 1872, where he continued the practice of his profession until his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Nicol two sons were born: Louis G., Jr., born in 1906, a student at Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio, for two years and 1927-1928 attending the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Richard C., born in 1914, a student in Junior High School, Butler.

Mr. Nicol is a member of the Butler Clearing House Association, of which he has served as president and secretary; the American Institute of Banking; is a member of the Board of Governors of the School of Banking. He belongs to the United Commercial Travelers, past councillor; Board of Commerce; Butler Country Club; and is chairman of the music committee of the Kiwanis Club and is treasurer and sponsor of the finance committee in that club. Politically he is a Republican and he and his wife are members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Mr. Nicol being a member of the choir.

Benjamin F. Haag, successful district superintendent of the Baltimore Life Insurance Company, with offices at 407 National Bank Building, Butler, was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1872, and is the son of Jacob and Caroline (Lydick) Haag, both natives of Germany.

Jacob Haag was the son of Jacob Haag, and was born in Germany, coming to this country with his parents when a small child. His parents settled in Leetonia, Columbiana County, Ohio, where the father engaged in farming and tanning. He later removed to Petersburg, Pennsylvania, and was proprietor of a tannery. He later sold out his interests and retired. He died at the age of ninety-two years.

Jacob Haag began his life as a tanner and farmer. He later engaged in the veterinary surgeon business and operated in Beaver and Butler counties. He continued in this work until his death, which occurred in May, 1886. His wife died in 1887 and they are buried at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. To them was born one child, Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Haag was a Republican and for 14 years was assessor of Beaver Falls. He belonged to the Order of the United Workmen, in which he was a past officer. He was greatly interested in horses and owned fine thoroughbreds. Mrs. Haag, who came from Germany with her parents, went to South America before coming to the United States.

Benjamin F. Haag attended the public schools of Beaver Falls, Beaver Falls Business College, from which he was graduated in 1893, and the Harmony Society Musical School, at Economy, Pennsylvania. After leaving school, Mr. Haag worked at the nursery business in Economy, Pennsylvania, as assistant to his father. He later went to Pittsburgh, where he was engaged in the shoe business. In 1904 he was employed by the Prudential Insurance Company at Pittsburgh as agent, which position he later resigned to return to the shoe business. In 1920 he joined the Baltimore Life Insurance Company at Pittsburgh as agent, and in 1922 was promoted to assistant superintendent. He was transferred to Butler in 1924 as district superintendent.

In 1894 Mr. Haag was married to Miss Margaret Barth, a daughter of Adam and Margaret Barth, natives of Germany, who came to the United States and settled at Pittsburgh. Mr. Barth was in the dairy business in Pittsburgh. He later removed to North Sewickley Township, Pennsylvania, and engaged in farming. He and his wife are both deceased and are buried in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Haag have one daughter, Irene. She married Joseph John-

son, and they live in Pittsburgh, where he is engaged in the produce business.

Mr. Haag is a member of the Patriotic Sons of America, past president; district president for Beaver County for two years and district president of Allegheny County for two years; Patriotic Order of Americans, past assistant; Hawksworth Commandery of the P. O. S. of A. No. 11, and has been treasurer since its organization, and has served as past commander. He is also affiliated with Western Star, No. 24, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; past noble grand; the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Maccabees. He was one of the organizers of this lodge in Elwood City, Pennsylvania, and served as past commander. Mr. Haag is a Republican, and was serving as jury commissioner of Beaver County when he resigned and went to Pittsburgh. He and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Henry B. Johnson, vice president of The Main Drug Stores, Inc., Butler, was born in Glassboro, New Jersey, September 2, 1895, the son of Axel O. and Catherine (McDonnough) Johnson.

Axel O. Johnson was born in Sweden, where he learned the glass making trade. He came to the United States and settled in Glassboro, New Jersey, later removing to Butler, where he was in the employ of the Hamilton Bottle Works. He is now connected with the Standard Plate Glass Company of Butler. Mrs. Johnson was born in the south of Ireland. Mr. Johnson is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. There were six children in the Johnson family: Helena, married H. G. Gilbert, lives at South Mountain, Pennsylvania; Henry B., the subject of this sketch; Margaret, Erie, Pennsylvania; Joseph A., at home; Nina and Axel, both deceased, are buried in North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania.

Henry B. Johnson was educated in the public schools of Butler, graduated from Greensburg High School in 1914, and from the College of Pharmacy, University of Pittsburgh, in 1920. After leaving college he worked for Harvey and Carey Drug Company, Inc., for one

and one-half years. In 1922 he, with Mr. A. J. Winters, established a drug store in Butler. They later purchased other stores and incorporated same under the name of The Main Drug Stores, Inc., and Mr. Johnson was elected vice president. The Bruin store burned in 1925 and was not rebuilt. The company operates three stores in Butler.

In 1923 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Edna B. Walker, a daughter of Samuel R. and Margaret (Twaddle) Walker, natives of Bruin, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Walker is an oil well contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have a daughter, Sigrid Audrey.

Fraternally Mr. Johnson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; B. P. O. Elks No. 170; Butler Lodge No. 272 F. and A. M.; New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree; he belongs to the Phi Delta Chi; Alumni Association of the University of Pittsburgh, and Butler County Retail Druggist Association. In his religious connection he is a member of the Lutheran Church, and politically is a Republican. Mr. Johnson is a man of strong business acumen, marked commercial ability, and is a valued asset to his community.

F. L. Jackson, of Butler, Pennsylvania, was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1887, the son of William and Margaret (O'Laughlin) Jackson.

William Jackson, who was born in England, came to Hamilton, Canada, later removing to the United States and locating at New Castle, Pennsylvania. He died in 1914. His wife, a native of Canada, died in 1922, and they are both buried at New Castle. Mr. Jackson was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. There were four children in the Jackson family: James E., with the Johnson Bronze Works, New Castle; F. L., the subject of this sketch; Margaretta, married J. W. Logue, connected with the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, live at New Castle; and Joseph, deceased.

F. L. Jackson attended the parochial schools of New Castle and New Castle Business College. His first position was that of clerk with the G. W. Johnson Limestone Company, New Castle. He was later promoted to superintendent of the Kaylor Plant of the Pitts-

burgh Limestone Company, a subsidiary of the Johnson Limestone Company. He remained with that company until 1921, and later Mr. Jackson opened and operated a coal mine. His mines were located in Butler and Armstrong counties. In 1924-1925 he established a gasoline service station in New Castle, which was later sold. In 1921 Mr. Jackson came to Butler, where for a time he operated a brokerage office. He is interested in coal operations.

In 1914 Mr. Jackson was married to Mary Elizabeth May, a daughter of Patrick and Mary May, natives of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, where Mr. May, now deceased, was a merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have four children: Mary Elizabeth, Robert Leo, Thomas William, all students, and Richard.

Mr. Jackson and his family are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Butler Council, No. 866; B. P. O. Elks, No. 185, of New Castle; Y. M. C. A., Butler, and the Old Colony Club of Pittsburgh. His home is at 225 North Monroe Street, Butler.

W. E. McClung is a prominent business man of Butler, where he is identified with the firm of W. E. McClung & Son Company, dealers in auto supplies, accessories and radios. He was born at West Sunbury, in Butler County, October 11, 1865, and is the son of Charles and Rosetta (McClintoc) McClung.

Charles McClung, deceased, was a highly honored pioneer citizen of Butler County. He was born in Fairview Township, Butler County, January 9, 1816. In early life he was a farmer and later conducted a general merchandise business at West Sunbury. He was a Republican and in 1859 served as county commissioner of Butler County. He held membership in the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. McClung died in January, 1910. He was the son of Charles McClung, a native of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and a wheelwright by trade. Rosetta (McClintoc) McClung was born in Mercer Township, Butler County, and died in 1900 at the age of seventy-eight years. Her parents were early settlers of Butler County. Her father, a minister of the United Presbyterian Church, was a native of Scot-



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land. To Charles and Rosetta (McClintoc) McClung were born eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of H. A. Daubenspeck; James F., deceased; Emma, deceased, was the wife of Alonzo Timblin; Angie E., lives at West Sunbury, Pennsylvania; Permelia, married M. W. Conway, lives at Elwood, Pennsylvania; Charles H., a farmer, lives on the old homestead at West Sunbury; Harriet, married H. H. Hamilton, lives at Windsor, Ohio; and W. E., the subject of this sketch.

W. E. McClung spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated at West Sunbury Academy. In 1885 he came to Butler and engaged in the grocery business until 1889, at which time he became interested in the oil business as a producer and oil drill contractor. In 1902 Mr. McClung became identified with the Oil Well Supply Company of Butler as manager of the shipping department, and he was also manufacturing agent for oil supplies for many years. In 1912 he entered the automobile supply business in this city and established his place of business on East Cunningham Street. Since 1922 he has been located at 231 South Main Street, where he carries on an extensive wholesale and retail trade in automobile accessories and radios.

On June 13, 1888, Mr. McClung was united in marriage with Miss Agnes E. Sutton, a native of Washington Township, Butler County, and the daughter of John H. and Maria M. (Mechling) Sutton, of Washington Township, Butler County. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McClung: John H., mention of whom is made below; Lucile, deceased; Jeannette, deceased; and Charles E., who is identified with his father's business.

Mr. McClung has always been a Republican and from 1916 until 1920 served as registrar and recorder of Butler County. He is a member of the Methodist Church, is a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs to the Shrine of Pittsburgh, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks Lodge, and United Commercial Travelers.

John H. McClung is well known among the successful young business men of Butler, where he is identified with W. E. McClung & Son Company. He was born in this city, February 1, 1890. After his graduation from Butler High School he became associated with his father's business. He was married to Miss Dorothy Ketterer, a

daughter of George and Sophia Ketterer, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. Mr. and Mrs. McClung have three children: John H. Jr., Jane, and Lucille.

Mr. McClung is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Rotary Club, the Sterling Club, and the Butler Country Club. Mr. McClung has an extensive acquaintance throughout the county and has many friends.

Robert Braesel, secretary of the Working Men's Building & Loan Association at Butler, was born in Zarrentin, Germany, November 28, 1863, the son of Martin and Mary (Bahls) Braesel.

Martin Braesel, deceased, was a farmer in Germany and was also in the hotel business. At the time of his death he was a foreman of a large tract of land. He is buried in Gnevekow, Germany. His wife, also a native of Germany, is deceased, and is buried in Zarnewanz. Their children are: August, a machinist, lives in Braunschweig, Germany; Alvina, married William Schultz, lives in Greifswald, Germany; and Robert, the subject of this sketch.

Robert Braesel was educated in the public schools of Germany and in 1881 emigrated to the United States and settled in Danville, Illinois. He later lived in Chicago, Curwensville, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, and Pittsburgh, where he located with Joseph Laurenz, cashier of a German National Bank in that city. In 1884 he removed to Butler and was clerk in the hotel of Henry Eitenmiller. Mr. Braesel returned to Germany on a visit in 1885, returning to Butler in the spring of 1886, and resumed his position with Mr. Eitenmiller. He then entered the employ of C. Koch & Sons, grocers, where he remained for ten years, after which time he was with Mr. Miller, grocer, for about four years. In 1911 he became the secretary of the Workingmen's Building and Loan Association, a position which he has very capably filled since that time.

In 1889 Mr. Braesel was married to Miss Mary Fisher, a daughter of George and Rachael Fisher, natives of Jefferson Center, Summit Township, Butler County. Both Mr. Fisher and his wife are deceased and they are buried at Hannistown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Fisher is a farmer.

Mr. Braesel is a Democrat. He has held a commission as notary public for six years. Mr. Braesel is highly esteemed in the community and has many friends. He is a member of St. Mark's German Lutheran Church, in which he has served as past treasurer.

F. T. Niggel, proprietor of the Niggel Hardware Company, Butler, is a native of that city. He was born March 6, 1871, the son of Joseph and Barbara (Rockenstein) Niggel.

Joseph Niggel and his wife were born in Butler County. He began life working in a bakery and was later interested in the ice cream business, which he later sold, and became associated in the hardware business with Charles Koch, the firm being known as Charles Koch & Company. Mr. Niggel later purchased his partner's interest, taking Thomas F. Niggel in the firm as a partner. In 1901 he sold his interest to Joseph Niggel, and F. T. Niggel, his son, bought a half interest in the business. Joseph Niggel retired from active business in 1910, and died in 1925. Mr. Niggel was a Democrat and a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He was an accomplished musician and singer. To Mr. and Mrs. Niggel six children were born: F. T., the subject of this sketch; one child died in infancy; Mazie, deceased; Emma, resides at home; Valetta, married Perry Jarvis, who conducts a bakery business in Butler; and Mary, now Sister Marian. She was educated in the parochial schools of Butler, St. Aloysius College, Cresson, Pennsylvania, and is now a teacher in the parochial schools of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. At one time she had charge of the pharmacy at Mercy Hospital, Johnstown. Mrs. Niggel resides in Butler.

Mr. Niggel was educated in the parochial schools of Butler, and was graduated from Duquesne College, Pittsburgh, in 1891. After leaving college he returned to Butler and entered his father's employ as bookkeeper and clerk. In 1901 he purchased a half interest in the business, and in 1910 purchased the balance of his father's interest, and in 1913 purchased the building in which the store was located. On December 11, 1919, the building was destroyed by fire. A new building was erected in 1920. It is thoroughly modern and one of the

largest stores of its kind in Butler. They have a large hardware trade which extends over a wide scope of territory, and Mr. Niggel is recognized as one of the leading business men of Butler County. He is a member of the Retail Hardware Dealers Association, the Pennsylvania and Atlantic Seaboard Hardware Association, and the Hardware Mutual Company.

In 1892 Mr. Niggel was married to Miss Eva Belle Kaster, a daughter of J. W. and Tiabiathy Kaster, natives of Crawford County, Pennsylvania. He was an oil producer and contractor. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Cochranon, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kaster was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. and Mrs. Niggel have one son, Joseph Elsworth.

Joseph Elsworth Niggel was born in Butler, July 29, 1895. He graduated from Bellefonte Academy, and is now in the employ of his father. He enlisted in the Ordnance Department of the U. S. Army at Columbus, Ohio, and was then transferred to the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he took a course of study, and then was sent to Camp Hancock, Georgia, thence to Camp Upton, Long Island, and then to Washington, District of Columbia. He was discharged in January, 1919. He married Harriet Yetter of Butler, and they have a son, Joseph, born May 3, 1920. He is a member of the American Legion, B. P. O. Elks, No. 170, United Commercial Travelers, and the Sterling Club of Butler.

F. T. Niggel is a Democrat, and fraternally is affiliated with the B. P. O. Elks, No. 170, L. O. O. Moose, K. O. T. Maccabees and Woodmen of the World. When a young man Mr. Niggel was a student of music and played in the orchestra of Ziegler's Theatre. He is one of the substantial business men of Butler County.

John B. Findley. One of the prominent young business men of Butler is John B. Findley, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business, with offices at 230 South Washington Street. He was born in Butler, March 28, 1901, and is the son of C. H. and Lydia (Bippus) Findley.

C. H. Findley was born in Clay Township, Butler County, July 6,

1860. He died in 1917 and is buried in South Cemetery, Butler. His widow resides in Butler. C. H. Findley was educated in the public schools of Clay Township and West Sunbury Academy. He worked on his father's farm for a time, later coming to Butler, where he was engaged in commercial photography for a time, after which he engaged in the real estate and insurance business. To Mr. and Mrs. Findley two children were born: Pauline, married Prof. C. B. Ferguson, superintendent of Olmsted Falls schools, live in Cleveland, Ohio; and they have a son, Carl Findley Ferguson; and John B., the subject of this sketch.

C. H. Findley was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Hays) Findley, both born in Butler County, where Samuel Findley followed farming all his life. He had 160 acres under cultivation. He died in 1903 and his widow died in 1920. Both are buried in Clay Township, Butler County. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. To them were born seven children: Evelyn, deceased; (2) W. C., attorney, lives in Butler; (3) Mary, married L. Y. McCandless. He was a teacher and agriculturist and is now deceased. His widow lives in Butler. (4) C. H., the father of our subject; (5) Clara, married Dr. J. M. Mershimer, live in Chicago; (6) A. L., lives in Butler, a member of the Findley Real Estate and Insurance Agency; and (7) Laura, at home.

Samuel Findley was the son of David Findley, a farmer of Clay Township. In 1811 he received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a patent of 417 acres of land. He is buried in Clay Township. David Findley was the son of Samuel Findley, who emigrated to the United States from Scotland and settled in the East, later removing to Clay Township, Butler County, where he was a farmer.

John B. Findley attended the public schools and was graduated from Butler High School in 1919, and then entered Washington and Jefferson College. He was graduated from Westminster College with the degree of A. B. in 1925. After leaving college Mr. Findley became associated with his uncle, A. L. Findley, in the real estate and insurance business in Butler.

Mr. Findley is a member of the Kappa Phi Lambda fraternity and a member of the B. P. O. Elks, No. 170, Butler, Pennsylvania.

Paul C. Taylor is a doctor of dental surgery, and has practiced that profession at Butler for fourteen years. He is one of the popular citizens of Butler County. He was born in Carbon Center, Butler County, May 6, 1890, the son of J. M. and Mary B. (Peters) Taylor.

J. M. Taylor was born in Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania, and began life working on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He was in the employ of the National Transit Company for forty years as a gauger, and is now living retired at Butler, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and fraternally is affiliated with Chicora Lodge, F. and A. M.; Butler Chapter, R. A. M. No. 273; Lorain Commandery, K. T. No. 87; Pittsburgh Consistory, thirty-second degree Mason; Syria Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.; Pittsburgh Council, R. and S. M.; Syria Caravan, A. A. O. N. M. S. Mary B. (Peters) Taylor was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Rev. Cearring and Hannah (Ride) Peters. He was a Methodist minister and preached for forty years. He died at the age of eighty-four years. Both he and his wife are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had one son, Paul C., the subject of this sketch.

Paul C. Taylor attended the public schools of Butler and graduated from the high school in 1910. He then entered the Dental College of the University of Pittsburgh, where he was graduated D. D. S. in 1913. Immediately after leaving college he came to Butler, and has been steadily in practice here, building up a reputation second to none among the dentists of Butler County. He is a member of the Butler County Dental Society, of which he has served as president; Pennsylvania State Dental Society, and the American Dental Association.

In 1914 Doctor Taylor was married to Miss Laura R. Turner. Her parents were natives of Geneva, Ohio, who later removed to Fargo, North Dakota. Mr. Turner was a traveling salesman and is now deceased. His widow resides in Butler. Doctor and Mrs. Taylor have a daughter, Lettie Belle, a student. Mrs. Taylor has three sisters: Winona, married Charles Bristol, a salesman, lives at Fargo, North Dakota; Bonnie, married Ralph Russell, lives in Detroit, where he is general manager of the Detroit Construction Company; and Ethel, married James Palmer, lives in Fargo, North Dakota. He is distributing agent for the Packard and Chrysler automobiles for the states of North Dakota and Minnesota.

Fraternally Doctor Taylor is affiliated with the B. P. O. Elks, No. 170; Victory Lodge No. 694, F. and A. M.; Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree, New Castle, Pennsylvania; Delta Sigma Delta, past worthy master; and the Lions Club, and is in charge of the dental clinic for the latter organization. Politically he is a Republican, and belongs to the Methodist Church.

Raymond H. Pillow, M. D., who died in the city of Butler on the tenth day of January, 1913, justified in able and faithful service his choice of vocation, and by his sterling character and marked technical skill honored the profession in which he achieved high standing and unequivocal success.

Dr. Raymond H. Pillow was born near Whitestown, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Captain Henry Pillow. He came with his parents to Butler when a small boy. He was educated in the public schools of Butler, then entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and from this institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1876. He then established his residence at Butler, where his ability soon won for him a large practice.

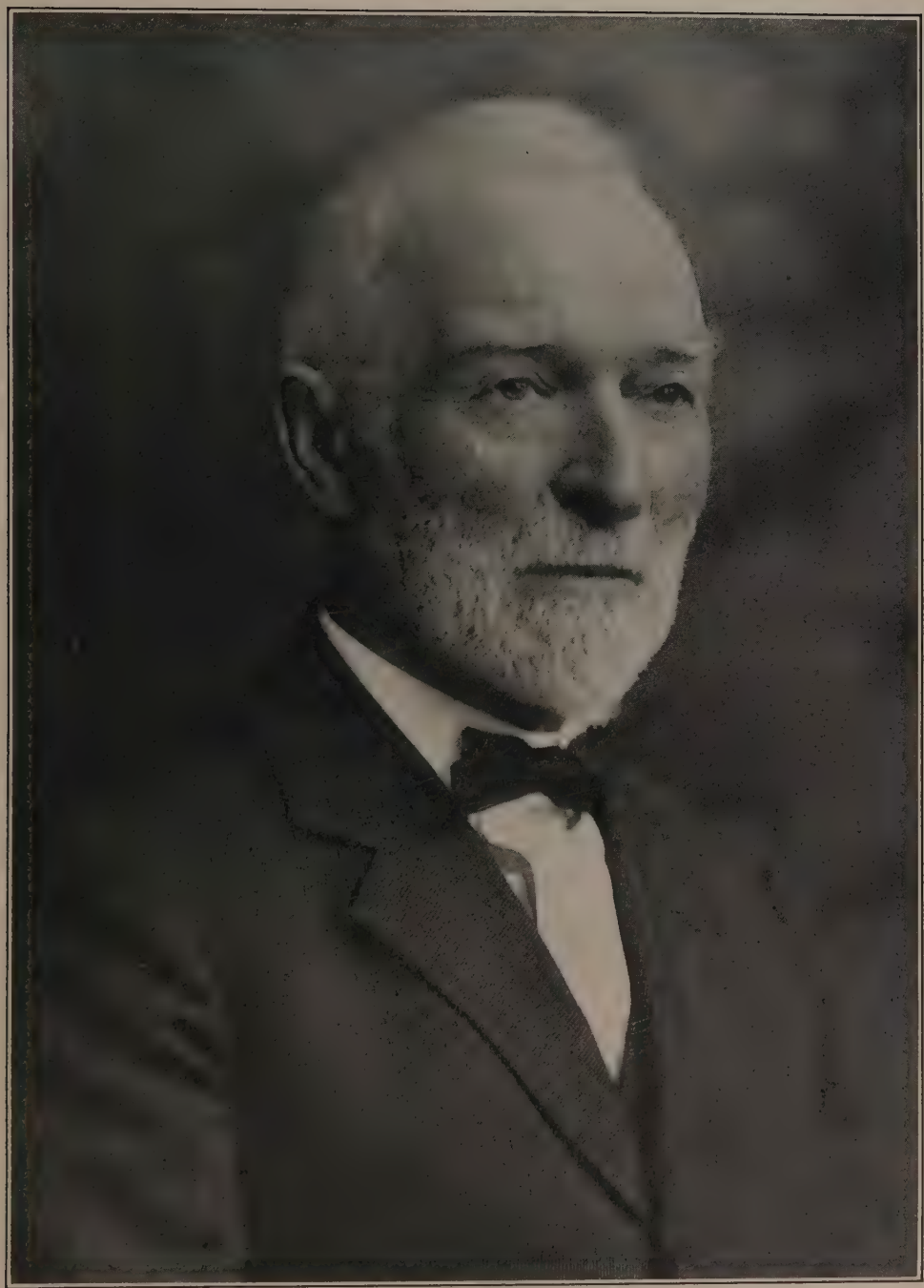
In politics Doctor Pillow was a staunch Republican. In 1900 he was a delegate from his congressional district to the Republican National Convention held in Philadelphia, and assisted in nominating McKinley and Roosevelt as the standard bearers of the party. In 1906 he received the endorsement of Butler County citizens for Congress, but in the district conference the late Col. George F. Huff of Westmoreland County was nominated. The Doctor was an appreciative and valued member of the Butler County Medical Association, in which he held various offices, and likewise was actively identified with the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church; a director in the Butler Savings and Trust Company, and served several terms on the Butler School Board. Doctor Pillow was a Mason, F. and A. M. No. 272. He was also a member of the surgical staff of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

On September 6, 1879, Doctor Pillow married Amanda J. Elliott, a native of Worth Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania. She now

resides in Butler. To this union three children were born: Henry F., died June 4, 1905; Mary C., married C. DeWitt Breden; and John R. Pillow, Butler, Pennsylvania, a teacher of manual training in Butler High School. John R. married Miss Jean Duffy, of Butler, Pennsylvania. Henry F. and Mary C. were twins.

Washington D. Brandon, one of the outstanding leaders of the Butler bar, is senior member of the law firm of Brandon & Brandon. He was born in Connoquenessing Township, Butler County, November 1, 1847, on the old Brandon homestead settled by his grandfather about 1800. His father, John W., a farmer, died in 1900; his mother, Ruth A. C. (Beighley) Brandon, dying in 1910. Both parents were born in Butler County, the Brandon family being one of the oldest families in the county. W. D. Brandon was educated in the public schools, Witherspoon Institute, and Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1868, taking the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts there. After leaving college, Mr. Brandon studied law in the offices of Hon. E. McJunkin, of Butler, for three years, and was admitted to the Butler County bar in March, 1871, this date giving him the distinction of being the oldest member of the county bar in point of active practice. He commenced the practice of his profession in Butler with the late Clarence Walker under the firm name of Walker & Brandon and so continued until 1875, when this partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, and he carried on practice under his own name from that year until 1909. In June of that year he took into partnership his son, J. Campbell Brandon, and still continues active in the practice of his profession.

W. D. Brandon has for years been prominently identified with the civic and religious life of the community and is one of its leaders. He is a director and was one of the organizers of the Butler Savings & Trust Company. In his earlier days he was prominently identified with the oil and gas industry in Butler County, and was a director and one of the organizers in the Bald Ridge Oil and Transportation Company, the pioneer oil company of the county. He was largely



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instrumental in inducing the Standard Steel Car Company to locate in Butler and has been actively identified with the Standard Plate Glass Company, the Butler Light, Heat and Motor Company, Spang & Company, the Butler Water Company, and many other enterprises. He is a leading member of the First Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as an elder and member of the session for the past forty-five years, and was clerk of the session for twenty-seven years, and was a member of the General Assembly of that church in 1881 at its meeting in Buffalo, New York. For twenty-two years he was superintendent of the Sunday school. During the World War he served on various committees and did a great deal of patriotic speaking, for which he received a certificate of recognition. He is a Republican and though urged to be a candidate at various times, he never sought or held public office. He is a member of the Butler Country Club, Sterling Club, and the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Intensely interested in the affairs of his own and other Presbyterian colleges, Mr. Brandon has served as a trustee of Washington and Jefferson College, a trustee of Grove City College, and is a director of the Western Theological Seminary, and a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Brandon is president of the Butler County Bar Association.

Mr. Brandon married, May 27, 1875, Miss Clara B. Campbell, a daughter of James and Rebecca (David) Campbell. Mrs. Brandon died January 5, 1925. To W. D. and Clara (Campbell) Brandon five children were born: Margaret, died in 1904; Elora, married Robert L. James, an attorney, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania; John W., graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, treasurer of Spang & Company, Butler; J. Campbell, his partner in the firm of Brandon & Brandon; and Howard Allan, served in the Three Hundred and Twenty-third Field Artillery in France, now president of the Pennsylvania Lumber Company, Butler.

Samuel M. Leslie. Among the highly popular and strongly efficient officials of Butler County is found Samuel M. Leslie. During a long and active career Mr. Leslie has been engaged in various business enterprises, in which he maintained a reputation for integrity and

capability, and at the present time is the owner of a fine farm, although he does not apply himself to its operation personally, his official duties requiring all of his attention.

Mr. Leslie was born in Middlesex Township, Butler County, March 31, 1868, the son of Samuel A. and Rebecca Ellen (McBride) Leslie, both natives of Middlesex Township and are now deceased. Samuel A. Leslie began life working on his father's farm. He enlisted during the Civil War in Company D, Sixty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a corporal. He was wounded at the Battle of Fair Oaks. He served for three and one-half years and was honorably discharged. He then returned to Middlesex Township, where he continued farming during the remainder of his life. He was a Republican and served as justice of the peace for thirty-three years. He and his wife are buried in the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery at Middlesex. They were members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Leslie belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Veteran's Legion. To Samuel A. and Rebecca Ellen (McBride) Leslie four children were born: Samuel M., the subject of this sketch; Sarah, married A. J. Kind, a farmer, and they reside on the old homestead; Wilda F., married S. E. Trimble, resides in Butler. Mr. Trimble served as county treasurer of Butler County for five years, and is now superintendent of the Winters Construction Company; and Howard, died in 1887, is buried at Middlesex.

Samuel A. Leslie, father of our subject, was the son of Alexander and Mary (Allen) Leslie, natives of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, later removing to Butler County, where he followed farming. He served in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1872, and was a Republican. Both he and his wife are dead and buried in Bakerstown M. E. Cemetery.

Rebecca Ellen (McBride) Leslie was the daughter of Samuel and Margaret McBride, natives of the eastern part of the United States. They came to Butler County in the early days and he followed agriculture. He was the son of John McBride, who was a colonel in the Revolutionary War, serving under General Washington. After the war he came to Middlesex Township and was given the Kipple Land Grant of 600 acres of land, which he cultivated until his death. He and his wife are buried at Bakerstown, Pennsylvania.

Samuel M. Leslie was educated in the public schools of Middlesex Township, Butler County, and after leaving school worked on his father's farm. After his marriage he went into the oil fields and worked as an oil driller for fifteen years. He purchased a farm in Middlesex Township of 225 acres and carried on general farming and stock raising. He was elected sheriff in November, 1925, and took his office January 4, 1926.

In 1890 Mr. Leslie was married to Mary M. Morrow, a daughter of L. L. and Ellen (McCullough) Morrow, natives of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Morrow was a prominent agriculturist. He is now deceased and is buried in Bakerstown, Pennsylvania. He was a Republican. Mrs. Morrow resides in Bakerstown. To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie four children have been born: (1) Russell W., married Margaret Hill, and they have three children, Wade, Frank and Lester. They live in Middlesex Township, where Mr. Leslie is engaged in farming. (2) Margaret, deceased, buried in Bakerstown; (3) John M., married Ellen Ferguson, resides on the old homestead. They have two children, Virginia and Eleanor; and (4) Mary E., who resides at home.

Mr. Leslie's politics have always been Republican. He served as school director of Middlesex Township for seventeen years, and as road supervisor for eight years. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, and he and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, Pennsylvania.

Gardner C. Lowry, assistant secretary of the Butler Savings & Trust Company, Butler, Pennsylvania, is a native of that city. He was born there August 27, 1878, the son of John F. and Martha T. (Thompson) Lowry.

John F. Lowry was born in Butler County, October 12, 1850, a son of Alexander Lowry, one of the highly respected pioneer settlers of Butler County. John F. Lowry completed his education in Wither- spoon Institute. He conducted a livery stable for several years, and at the time of his father's death succeeded him as proprietor of the Lowry House, one of the old hostelries of the city. He conducted this

hotel for several years, then sold it and returned to the livery business which he conducted for six years. Mr. Lowry became interested in real estate and owned and allotted a large tract of land called Hilldale. He is a stockholder in many business enterprises in Butler, where he is now living retired. He is a Republican and has served nine years as a member of the city council and was largely instrumental in having many streets paved during his incumbency of the office. He is a member of Butler Lodge, No. 272, F. and A. M., and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On July 19, 1877, he married Miss Martha Belle Thompson, of Pittsburgh. She died December 4, 1903, during the typhoid fever epidemic in Butler, which was very severe at that time. She is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Lowry three children were born: (1) Gardner C., the subject of this sketch; (2) Dr. Robert S., physician and surgeon, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a graduate of Medico Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. He served in the U. S. Army during the World War as a lieutenant commander on coast guard duty at Norfolk, Virginia. He married Helen Kimball, of Murphysboro, Illinois, and (3) Dr. Walter T., a physician and surgeon, Jefferson, Ohio, graduate of University of Pennsylvania Medical College. He served as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, and was attached to the British Army at Flanders. He married Irene Burns, of North Washington, Pennsylvania.

Gardner C. Lowry graduated from Butler High School in 1896, and Grove City College, in 1899, with the degree Bachelor of Science. After leaving college he was principal of the Sarver (Pa.) Academy for one year. In 1900 he entered the Butler Savings Bank as a clerk. In 1903 this bank was merged with the Butler Savings & Trust Company, and Mr. Lowry was appointed assistant secretary.

In 1909 Mr. Lowry was married to Miss Louise M. Sherman, a daughter of Joseph B. and Isabel W. (Williamson) Sherman, natives of Rochester, New York. Mr. Sherman was owner of the Star Iron Works at Butler, Pennsylvania, having come here about 1890. He died in 1910 and his widow resides in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Lowry have two children: John B., born in 1916, a student; and Helen L., born in 1924.

Mr. Lowry is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder and clerk of the session, is a member of Butler

Lodge F. and A. M. No. 272, past master in 1911, is a member of the board of directors and a past president of the Young Men's Christian Association, and belongs to the Rotary Club. He is a Republican.

W. J. Breaden, deceased, was born December 12, 1848, in West Sunbury, Pennsylvania. He was a son of Rev. W. P. and Charlotte (Cline) Breaden. The father died in 1880. He served as pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at West Sunbury for over thirty-five years, and was known throughout the Presbytery as "The Peacemaker." His son, W. J. Breaden, spent his entire life in West Sunbury, except for a few years at Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and as a student at Duff's Business College, Pittsburgh. In 1870 with his brother-in-law, P. W. Conway, he established a general merchandise business which he operated until his death. He was closely identified with the founding of the old West Sunbury Academy, which was destroyed by fire in 1923. He was a member of the original group that secured the erection of the academy and was much interested in its progress. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. For fifty-six years Mr. Breaden was a teacher in the Sunday School, and for fifty years was a member of the board of ruling elders. His good judgment, kindly spirit and deep interest, in the spiritual and moral welfare of others made him an invaluable member of the session and the Butler Presbytery. On January 14, 1913, he was made a director of the Butler Savings & Trust Company, and was the second vice president and director at the time of his death. He died February 24, 1926, and his wife, Margaret (Linn) Breaden, a daughter of Henry C. Linn, M. D., an early practitioner of Butler County, whom he married in 1874, died in June of 1920. They are both buried in West Sunbury Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Breaden three children were born: W. Linn, Bert B. and Charles DeWitt. W. J. Breaden is survived by two brothers and one sister, as follows: J. C., resides in New Castle, Pennsylvania; Rev. J. H., Pomona, California; and Mrs. Tillie C. Conway, West Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

W. Linn Breaden died in 1900, and is buried in the cemetery at West Sunbury. After completing the course in West Sunbury Acad-

emy he attended Westminster College and graduated therefrom in 1898. Ill health prevented the further study of medicine.

Bert B. Breaden when a young man engaged in the mercantile business in Allegheny. He was located there for a number of years, but in 1901 he returned to his native home and took charge of the business established in 1870 by his father, W. J. Breaden, and his uncle, P. W. Conway, and at the present time is the head and general manager of the firm Breaden Conway & Company. In 1903 he married Miss Martha J. Kennedy of Portersville, Pennsylvania, daughter of William C. Kennedy and Elizabeth (Christy) Kennedy. To this union three children were born: William Kennedy, Margaret Elizabeth and Martha Jane.

C. DeWitt Breaden, after graduating from West Sunbury Academy, taught one year in the public schools of the county. In 1898 he entered Westminster College, graduating in the class of 1902. He is a charter member of the Theta Upsilon Omega fraternity. In 1903 he became identified with the Butler Savings & Trust Company, at the present time being an assistant secretary.

In 1916 he married Mary Caroline Pillow, daughter of Dr. R. H. and Amanda J. (Elliott) Pillow.

John E. Flack is a progressive and enterprising business man of Butler, where he is proprietor of The Flack Electric Shop. He was born near Chicora, Butler County, August 24, 1878, the son of John L. and Deborah A. (Eckman) Flack.

John L. Flack, deceased, was born at Princeton, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1849. When a young man he started in the oil business as a tank builder. He later was an oil operator and had interests in Venango, Butler, Bradford, and Allegheny counties in Pennsylvania, and also in West Virginia. He was active in this business until his death, which occurred through an accident, on April 16, 1919. He was a Democrat, a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, K. O. T. Maccabees, and Knights of Pythias, in which he was captain of the drill team. He was also a member of Company L, Fifteenth Regiment, and served six years. Mrs. Flack was born at

Appola, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1851. She resides at Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Flack ten children were born: (1) Harry H., in charge of an oil lease, Homer, Texas; (2) Ella Mina, married Charles A. Kinch, lives in Butler, where he is connected with the Spang Company; (3) Dr. A. M. Flack, an osteopathic physician, resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; (4) Mary, died in 1884, and is buried at Oil City, Pennsylvania; (5) John E., the subject of this sketch; (6) William P., salesman for The Flack Electric Company, lives at Butler; (7) Charles E., timekeeper for the Standard Plate Glass Company, Butler; (8) Laura, married Oscar C. Beebe, and they live at Denver, Colorado; (9) Richard L., born June 16, 1889, graduated from Butler High School. He was admitted to partnership with his brother, John E., on March 17, 1923, and with Dr. A. M. Flack, they established the Flack Brothers Shoe Store; (10) Hazel, married J. A. McClymonds, a general merchant, resides at Rose Point, Pennsylvania.

John E. Flack was graduated from the Butler High School in 1899, after which he taught school in Butler County for one term. On July 1, 1900, he accepted a position as office manager and bookkeeper with the Butler Light, Heat and Motor Company, where he remained until April 1, 1912, when the West Penn Power Company purchased this business. He retained his position with the new company until December 15, 1912, when he purchased the wiring and appliance department from the West Penn Power Company, and established his business at 113 West Jefferson Street. In 1916 he built a three-story brick building and moved to his present location, 115 West Jefferson Street. On March 17, 1923, with his brothers, Dr. A. M. and Richard L. Flack, they organized the Flack Brothers Shoe Store.

In 1898 Mr. Flack was married to Edith Phillips, a daughter of J. M. and Josephine Phillips. Mr. Phillips, deceased, was an oil operator at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, where his widow now resides. Mrs. Flack died in 1899 and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. They had one daughter, Edith Leah, who married Lester P. Williamson. He is in the real estate and insurance business at Grove City, Pennsylvania. They have one child, Edith Eleanor. Mr. Flack married in 1911 for his second wife, Grace B. Barber, a daughter of

William and Agnes (Reznor) Barber, natives of Mifflinsburg, Pennsylvania, and now both deceased. To this union one son has been born, William B., born June 27, 1912, a student.

Mr. Flack is a Republican and served as a member of the school board in 1924-1925. He is greatly interested in all civic affairs and is a charter member of the Rotary Club, of which he has served as treasurer, and is on the board of directors; is president of the board of the Y. M. C. A.; a member of the Board of Commerce, Merchants Bureau, Advisory Council; is a director of the Community Savings & Loan Company; also a member of the Sterling Club of Butler and the United Commercial Travelers. Among the Masonic organizations of which he is a member are: Butler Lodge, No. 272, F. and A. M.; Butler Chapter, 273, R. A. M.; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburgh; Syria Caravan of Butler, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Lorain Commandery, K. T., No. 87; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 278, in which he served for five years as secretary. Mr. Flack is an active member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been a member of the official board for the past sixteen years.

In 1926 Mr. Flack erected a modern home at 811 North McKean Street. This is one of the fine residences of Butler, Pennsylvania.

J. Campbell Brandon, associated with his father, Washington D. Brandon, as junior member of the law firm of Brandon & Brandon, of Butler, Pennsylvania, is well known in Butler County. He was born in Butler, July 17, 1884, and is a son of Washington D. and Clara B. (Campbell) Brandon. He received his education in the Butler grammar and high schools, graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1902, and Princeton University in the class of 1906 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and attended Harvard Law School, 1906-1908, but did not complete his course and take his degree. He was admitted to the bar in 1909 and formed a partnership with his father, under the firm name of Brandon & Brandon, which has conducted an extensive general law practice since that date. Mr. Brandon is a member of the bar of the Supreme and Superior Courts and the United States District Court. During the World War Mr. Brandon was engaged in work with the American Expeditionary Forces under



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the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, as a secretary, serving in Camp Hancock, Georgia, with the Pennsylvania National Guard, Twenty-eighth Division, from September, 1917, until March, 1918, then served as secretary on the U. S. S. Transport "City of Exeter." He was later transferred to the Second Division, Regular Army, and was with the Sixth U. S. Marines at Belleau Wood. In July, 1918, he was again attached to the Twenty-eighth Division, where he served as division secretary in the charge of the Y. M. C. A. personnel activities during the Vesle River drive, and Chateau Thierry, Meuse-Argonne, and on the Toul sector. After the armistice was signed he transferred to Paris as associate general field secretary, and then was transferred to the Army of Occupation as chief secretary in charge of all its Y. M. C. A. activities, with headquarters at Coblenz, Germany. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Committee of the Y. M. C. A. and of the National Council.

On June 11, 1914, Mr. Brandon was married to Miss Kathleen Walker, a daughter of William and Mary M. (McCarrier) Walker, natives of Butler, where Mr. Walker is engaged in the oil and real estate business. Mrs. Walker is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Brandon four children have been born: J. Campbell, Jr., born March 4, 1918; Mary Virginia, born January 1, 1921; John Welsh, II, born October 18, 1926; and Oliver David, born February 29, 1916, died in infancy.

Mr. Brandon is a member of the Butler County, Pennsylvania, and American Bar Associations. He attended the historic meeting of the American, Canadian and English Bar Associations in London in July, 1924. He is a member of the Sterling Club of Butler, the Butler Country Club, the Union Club of Pittsburgh, the Princeton Club of Western Pennsylvania, University Club of Pittsburgh, and fraternally is affiliated with Victory Lodge, No. 694, Free and Accepted Masons, and holds the thirty-second degree in New Castle Consistory. He has served as president of the Y. M. C. A. of Butler for six years. In the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member, Mr. Brandon serves as elder, and also as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Republican and in 1923 was a candidate for judge. One of Mr. Brandon's recreations is golf. In 1926 he won the golf championship of the Butler Country Club, which he had held several times previously.

Fred T. Roessing, proprietor of the Roessing Funeral Parlors, North Main Street, Butler, is a native of this city, where he was born December 20, 1880, the son of Wesley and Truesdale (Bryer) Roessing.

Wesley P. Roessing was born in Butler in 1848, the son of George Roessing, and his ancestors were among the pioneers of Butler County, Pennsylvania. Wesley P. Roessing attended the public schools of Butler until he was thirteen years of age, when his father put him at work in a carriage factory, where he learned the trade of carriage building. In 1872 he became his father's partner both in the carriage building and undertaking business. When his father retired from the firm in 1899, Wesley P. Roessing purchased the entire interests of the concern and continued the business alone until 1906, when he admitted his son to partnership. Everything connected with the present business is modern, with ambulances and other features, and this company was the first in Butler County to use motorized vehicles for funerals. The undertaking firm is one of the oldest business houses in Butler, now including three generations of the same family, and through all these years the relations with the public have been of that character that reflects credit on the name of Roessing. George C. Roessing was the first man in this section of Pennsylvania to build a hearse, and Wesley P. Roessing was one of the first to effect embalming. Mr. Roessing carried on a cabinet making plant in connection with his funeral work. Mr. Roessing belonged to the First Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Benevolent Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died in April, 1920.

Wesley P. Roessing married in 1877, Truesdale Bryer, born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of five children, as follows: (1) Florence, married Robert Johnston, lives in Butler, where he is an engineer with the Standard Steel Car Shops; (2) Fred T., the subject of this sketch; (3) Jean, married Henry Hulen, superintendent of the Pan American Oil Company, lives in New Orleans, Louisiana; (4) Marguerite, married Glen Knight, lives in Wheeling, West Virginia, where he is proprietor of the Knight Motor Car Company; and Lucille, married Claud Griffie. She died in 1914 and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler; Mr. Griffie resides in

Denver, Colorado, where he is district manager of the New York Life Insurance Company. Mrs. Roessing died December 8, 1914.

Fred T. Roessing was educated in the public schools of Butler and Westminster College, and took various courses in the science of embalming, the business of an undertaker being his aim. He is now at the head of a mortuary business that was established in 1850 by George C. Roessing, his grandfather. It was first located on West Cunningham Street, and about 1870 Wesley P. Roessing, father of Fred T. Roessing, entered the enterprise and the name was changed to Roessing & Son. In 1893 the business was moved to its present location on North Main Street. In 1906 Fred T. Roessing was made a member of the firm and he has continued the business up to the present time.

In 1898 Mr. Roessing enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, for the Spanish-American War. Mr. Roessing is a member of the Sterling Club of Butler, a member of the Butler Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, B. P. O. Elks, No. 170, and belongs to all local, state and national associations connected with his business. He is a Republican and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the Veterans of the Spanish-American War.

In 1906 Mr. Roessing was married to Laura S. Stein, a daughter of Loris B. and Julia (Wisener) Stein. Mr. Stein is connected with the Butler Savings & Trust Company. Mr. and Mrs. Roessing have a daughter, Jane S., a student in Butler High School.

Ralph E. Forsythe, commercial manager of The People's Telephone Corporation, at Butler, Pennsylvania, is a native of Butler, where he was born August 2, 1886, a son of John Everett and Catherine (Kearns) Forsythe.

John Everett Forsythe was born on a farm near Mars, Butler County. He worked on his father's farm, and when bicycles were put on the market, he established a bicycle business, which he later sold and engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In 1885 he installed the first telephone in Butler, Pennsylvania. In 1895 the

People's Telephone Company was organized by Mr. Forsythe, T. J. Shufflin, and others. The first line was built by them to the Glade Mills oil field, which started the independent telephone industry of Butler. This line was operated by two crude hand made sets of instruments. In August, 1905, the People's Telephone Company was organized by D. D. Buck, J. E. Forsythe, W. H. Larkin, W. T. McDowell, T. J. Shufflin, George Stamm, Daniel Younkens, and John Younkens. J. E. Forsythe was made superintendent of this company. Mr. Forsythe resigned this position later and is now devoting his time to other business interests. He is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and the B. P. O. Elks, No. 170. He is secretary of the Citizens Mutual Water Company, and secretary of the Butler Mausoleum Construction Company. To John Everett and Catherine (Kerns) Forsythe two children have been born: Ralph E., the subject of this sketch; and Sarah, at home.

Ralph E. Forsythe received his education in the public and high schools of Butler. After he left school he entered the employ of The People's Telephone Company as a ground man. He worked through the various departments and promotions and on January 1, 1926, was made commercial manager.

On December 25, 1912, Mr. Forsythe was married to Jean Esther Cruikshank, a daughter of James McComb and Emma Cruikshank, natives of Sarver, Pennsylvania, where the father is engaged in farming. Mrs. Cruikshank is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe have two children: Helen Catherine, and Jean Lucille.

Mr. Forsythe is a Republican, and he is a member of Butler Lodge F. and A. M. No. 272, and the B. P. O. Elks, No. 170. He and his family attend the First Presbyterian Church, Butler.

Earl F. Herold. Born in Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1891, a son of H. Fred and Luella M. (Christie) Herold, Earl F. Herold is a representative young business man of Butler, where he is auditor of the Butler Savings & Trust Company.

H. Fred Herold was born in Oakland Township, Butler County, October 10, 1861. His wife was born in Clay Township, Butler County,

February 11, 1870. Mr. Herold has followed agriculture all his life and has 100 acres of land in Center Township, all under cultivation. He operates a dairy in connection with his farm, supplying the milk for Herold's Dairy, which is conducted by his sons, and which is distributed in Butler and vicinity. Mr. Herold is a Republican, and is identified with St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He served as school director for twelve years, and as secretary of the school board for nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Herold were the parents of twelve children: (1) Mary Lenora, married Herbert S. Alcott, a machinist, resides in Youngstown. They have three children: Herbert S., Jr., Ethel A. and Dorothy A.; (2) Earl F., the subject of this sketch; (3) Albert R., married Earla Rensel, Cooperative Delivery Service, Butler, and they have two children, Marion E. and Robert; (4) Henry L., married Florence Hutchinson, Butler, R. F. D. No. 1, dairyman, have four children: Edith May, Charles, Lee, and Isabel; (5) Fred C., married Martha Dodds, R. F. D. No. 8, Butler, a farmer, and they have two children, Ann Belle, and Bertha Margaret; (6) Bertha L., married Roy H. Somers, Butler, road construction, have two children, Ralph and Ruth; (7) Oliver, at home, Herold Dairy; (8) Carl T., at home, Herold Dairy; (10) Grace Margaret May, at home; (11) Walter Kenneth, a student; (12) Luella M., a student; and (9) Leland G., deceased, buried in South Cemetery, Butler.

Earl F. Herold attended the public schols of Summit and Center townships, Butler County, and West Sunbury Academy, and North Washington Institute, after which he taught school in Butler County for four years. He then took a course at Duff's Commercial College, Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1913. He served as assistant secretary of the University Club, Pittsburgh, and in 1914 came to Butler as bookkeeper for the Butler Savings & Trust Company. In January, 1925, Mr. Herold was made auditor, and is also manager of the bond department.

On April 28, 1915, Mr. Herold was married to Ethel Loyola McCandless, a daughter of Louis and Ermina (McKinney) McCandless. He was born in Franklin Township, and his wife was born in Franklin, Butler County, Pennsylvania. In his youth he learned the brick laying trade, and later went into building construction. Since the war Mr. McCandless has been superintendent of various construction com-

panies. He is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McCandless were the parents of six children: Ethel Loyola; Roy N., superintendent of the Austin Construction Company, Butler; Samuel Hudson, brick layer, Englewood, Ohio; Ronold R., a pharmacist, Butler, Pennsylvania; Lamont, brick layer, Englewood, Ohio; and Louis Maurise, a student. Mr. and Mrs. Herold have one daughter, Ermina Lucille, a student. Mrs. Herold graduated from Franklin Township High School in 1910, and attended Franklin Musical Institute. She is a member of Butler Chapter of the Eastern Star, No. 45, and served as secretary for four years. The Herold home is at 439 North Bluff Street, Butler.

Mr. Herold is a member of the American Institute of Banking, chairman of the auditing committee of the Board of Commerce, past vice president of the Butler County Motor Association, and treasurer of the Sterling Club of Butler. Among the Masonic organizations of which he is a member are: Butler Lodge, No. 272, F. and A. M., past master, 1923-1924; Butler Chapter, No. 273, R. A. M., high priest; New Castle Council, R. S. M. M.; Lorain Commandery, K. T. No. 87, captain general, and served five years as recorder; New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree, junior warden seventh degree in the Consistory; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh; Syria Caravan, No. 14, Butler, Pennsylvania, assistant secretary; and member of the advisory council for Lorain Chapter DeMolay and adviser for the Chapter. Mr. Herold is a Republican and belongs to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Capt. Roy I. Burtner, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and now the proprietor of Park Hotel at Butler, is a representative citizen of that city. He was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1876, the son of Isaac P. and Amanda J. (Singer) Burtner.

Isaac P. Burtner, deceased, was born June 10, 1849, near Natrona, Pennsylvania, and followed agricultural pursuits during his active career, owning a farm of 180 acres. He also operated a coal mine on his farm. He died March 10, 1927. His wife, Amanda J. (Singer) Burtner, was born in Freeport, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1850. They lived near Butler. Mr. Burtner was a Republican and he and his

wife were members of the First Methodist Church. They were the parents of five children: Roy I., the subject of this sketch; Dorsey P., a sketch of whom appears in this volume, is manager of the Oil Well Supply Company, Butler; Ethel, at home; Forest H., a farmer of Jefferson Township, Butler County; and Clare S., with the Bessemer Gas Company, Grove City, Pennsylvania.

Roy I. Burtner attended the public schools of Butler County and later was a student at Freeport Academy, from which he was graduated in 1893. He spent thirteen years with the Pure Oil Company as a gauger. In 1913 he established the Cherry Auto Company, conducting that business until 1918, when he sold same. In 1919 he went to Cisco, Texas, for Spang & Company. In 1920 he removed to Butler where he was engaged in the automobile business until July 1, 1925, when with Mr. Wilson he organized the Burtner & Wilson Insurance Agency. On September 1, 1926 they dissolved partnership and Mr. Burtner leased the Park Hotel, which he now conducts.

On June 17, 1898, Roy I. Burtner enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served during the Spanish-American War. He was discharged January 31, 1899, as a private. In April, 1899, he enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth Pennsylvania National Guards, during the reorganization after the war, which was later transferred to Company L, Sixteenth Pennsylvania National Guard. He served through the various grades of non-commissioned offices and was elected a second lieutenant in July, 1907, and elected captain on the fourth day of April, 1912. He served as captain until October, 1914, when he resigned his commission. He served over fifteen years in the guards, and holds a commission as a captain on the retired list of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Captain Burtner was an expert rifle and pistol shot and holds a gold medal for ten consecutive years of expert marksmanship. He has the only perfect score at 1,000 yards that was ever made in the State of Pennsylvania for the Pennsylvania National Guards and it is on record in the adjutant general's office in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. September 21, 1926, Mr. Burtner married Nellie B. (McCabe) Dugan, a native of Kentucky. By a former marriage to Thomas F. Dugan, Mrs. Burtner had two children, Paul Francis now resides with his mother and Virginia Lee, the wife of Allen Kather, Annandale, Pennsylvania.

Captain Burtner is a Republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, past grand; B. P. O. Elks, No. 170; Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M.; Butler Chapter, No. 273, R. A. M.; Allegheny Council, No. 38, of Pittsburgh, R. S. M. M.; Lorain Commandery, K. T., No. 87, past commander 1914-1915; Pennsylvania Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh, thirty-second degree; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburgh; and Syria Caravan, No. 14, Butler.

William C. Tebay. Deservedly popular among the representative citizens of Butler is William C. Tebay, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business, with offices at 6 West Diamond Street. He was born in Muddy Creek Township, Butler County, October 3, 1876, a son of William D. and Margaret (McGowan) Tebay.

William Tebay, Sr., the great grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Westmoreland County, England, born September 28, 1754. He married Isabella Hall in 1779 or 1780, a very prominent woman of England, known as Lady Hall. She was born August 25, 1760, in Westmoreland County, England. This union was blessed with eleven children: Mary, Margaret, Isabella, Thomas, William, Robert, Elizabeth, Hannah, John, Isaac, and Joseph.

William Tebay, Sr., with eight of his children, emigrated to America in 1819, crossing the mountains of Pennsylvania in a wagon, and settling in the valley of Muddy Creek, in Muddy Creek Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, in November, 1819. There were cross-roads on the 200-acre tract of land, where he located, which later became known as the Tebay Cross-Roads. Here near a spring, where a fine willow tree stood, a clearing was made and a log house erected. Other buildings were erected later nearer the cross-roads. In this place William Tebay, Sr., engaged in farming until his death in 1834. Both he and his wife were buried in the Mountville United Presbyterian Cemetery, Perry Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. The first wagon used in the township was brought by the Tebay family from over the mountains and was used by neighbors far and near to be seen and admired. One son, Thomas Tebay, did not come to America until 1840. He also settled in Muddy Creek Township,



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now Worth Township, and later removed to Clay Township, where his descendants now live.

Joseph Tebay, grandfather of William C. Tebay, was a native of Westmoreland County, England, born October 28, 1806. He came to this country with his parents at the age of twelve years. He was reared in Muddy Creek Township and was admitted as a citizen of the United States by the court of Butler County, December 8, 1834. He was a farmer all his life. He married Jane C. McKee, July 1, 1830, and to this union seven children were born: William D., Catherine, Matilda, Eliza J., Amanda, Margaret, and James Hall.

William D. Tebay followed farming and served in many township offices and as school director for many terms. He was well known throughout the county and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. His advice was sought on legal matters by his neighbors far and near. He died September 9, 1890, at the age of fifty-nine years, and is buried in the Portersville Presbyterian Cemetery, Butler County. His widow resides in Butler. To William D. and Margaret (McGowan) Tebay three children were born: Mary E., lives with her brother; William C., the subject of this sketch; and Homer W., born July 8, 1881, married Adda Jones, of Swissvale, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1908, and they have two children: Betty Ruth, born May 21, 1909; and William Homer, born January 2, 1912. Mr. Tebay is a salesman for the Woolson Spice Company, of Toledo, Ohio. He was for many years in the grocery business in Butler, where he now lives.

The Tebay family has been prominent throughout the county and has always taken an active interest in school work, many members of the family having served as teachers. It can be said that probably no county teacher's institute has ever been held in Butler County without some member of the Tebay family being present. James H. Tebay, an uncle of William C. Tebay, was a school teacher of prominence and was elected prothonotary of Butler County in 1875, serving three years. At present many members of this family are still engaged in the teaching profession. Descendants of the family are now located in various parts of the United States.

William C. Tebay, great grandson of William Tebay, Sr., was educated in the schools of Muddy Creek Township and was graduated

from Butler Business College in 1899. He worked on his father's farm, which consists of 177 acres, until 1912, when he removed to Butler and established his present business, where he has been a busy member of the insurance circles ever since. He is agent for the following companies: Sun Insurance Company of London, England; American Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey; Baltimore American Insurance Company of New York; Home Underwriters of New York; Keystone Underwriters of Newark, New Jersey; American Underwriters of Philadelphia; Empire State Underwriters of Watertown, New York; London Guarantee & Accident Company, of London, England; Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., London and New York; National Surety Company; Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Chester County, Pennsylvania; and the Penn Mutual Insurance Company of Westchester, Pennsylvania.

In politics Mr. Tebay is a Democrat, but is independent in the exercise of the ballot. He is an elder in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Butler and spends much of his time and money for the advancement of Christianity in the world, other matters being secondary with him. "God first" is his motto.

During his residence in Muddy Creek Township, Mr. Tebay was elected justice of the peace and served six years. At the time he was the youngest man in the county to fill that office.

Frank V. Hazlett has shown in his business career marked energy, initiative and progressiveness, and is now one of the prominent exponents of the automobile business in the city of Butler, Pennsylvania, where he is proprietor of the Hazlett-Overland Company. He was born in Winfield Township, Butler County, May 4, 1886, the son of Lewis and Sarah E. (Painter) Hazlett.

Lewis Hazlett, deceased, began his business life working in the oil fields and later as an oil producer. He leased land for oil drilling in Butler, Armstrong and several other counties. He died in February, 1911, and is buried at Buffalo Church Cemetery, Sarver, Pennsylvania, where his widow now resides. Mr. Hazlett was a Republican and a highly respected citizen. There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett: Olive, married W. E. Foreman, general store,

Saxonburg, Pennsylvania; James N., a railroad contractor, Marianna, Washington County, Pennsylvania; Mattie, married J. B. Miller, farmer and dairyman, Freeport, Pennsylvania; Margaret, married Lynn Emerick, with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Butler, Pennsylvania; and Frank V., the subject of this sketch.

Frank V. Hazlett attended the public schools of Butler County, after which he engaged in railroad construction work with his brother, James N. Hazlett. In 1907 he went to Washington, Pennsylvania, and learned the automobile mechanic's trade with the Washington Auto Company, Cadillac and Franklin Sales Agency. In 1913 he was a salesman for the S. F. Bowser & Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana, traveling through West Virginia and Pennsylvania, selling oil storage tanks and reclaiming service gasoline pumps. In 1916 Mr. Hazlett established an agency for the Saxon and Chevrolet automobiles at Cabot, Pennsylvania, which he operated for a time, after which he sold the business, and in 1921 came to Butler. Here he opened an electric shop at 323 South Main Street, carrying electrical appliances and rural lighting plants. He sold this business and in February, 1923, took on the agency for the Willys-Knight and Overland automobiles, and has built up a well ordered and prosperous business, his garage being modern in equipment, and he has an attractive show room. Mr. Hazlett employs six men and has a service station for all makes of cars.

In 1910 Mr. Hazlett was married to Miss Olive Dale McGinnis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McGinnis, of Washington County, Pennsylvania. Mr. McGinnis, who was a farmer, is now deceased. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett, Thelma Pearl and Mildred Catherine, both students. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis were the parents of six children: Thomas, Youngstown, Ohio; Ella, married John Wherry, Washington County, Pennsylvania; Emma, married Harry Metzler, Marianna, Pennsylvania; Dessie, married Otto Huffman, Scenery Hill, Washington County, Pennsylvania; Laura, married Clark Johnson, Washington, Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Hazlett.

Mr. Hazlett is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. He is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, Butler Automobile Dealers Association, B. P. O. Elks, No. 170, and the United Commercial Travelers Association, No. 465.

H. E. Bish, deceased, was a veteran of the World War and conducted the Bish Motor Car Company, 122 West Wayne Street, Butler. He was born near St. Jose, Butler County, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1891, the son of C. P. and Mary Agnes (Gray) Bish.

C. P. Bish was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and his wife was a native of Armstrong County. She died in 1920, and is buried in White Oak Springs Cemetery, Butler County. C. P. Bish learned the millwright trade when a young man, later going into the oil business as a producer. He has operated extensively in Butler and Armstrong counties, owning and operating his own equipment, and is still active in this work in Butler County, near Petersville, and is one of the pioneers in this business. He is a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. C. P. Bish and his wife were the parents of the following children: Norman P., head of the chemical department of the Westinghouse High School, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; Fielding G., wholesale oil and gasoline business, and drilling contractor, Clarksburg, West Virginia; Grace, at home; Idalia, married D. Pitts, oil producer, Jacksonburg, West Virginia; Carl, oil producer, Petersville, Pennsylvania; Mary Althea, married William Scott, Evans City, Pennsylvania, and H. E., the subject of this sketch.

H. E. Bish received his education in the public schools of Butler County, after which he went into the oil business with his father, and continued with him until October 13, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Army and was sent to Kelly Field, Fort Sam Houston, and assigned to the Air Service. He remained there until he was sent to Houston, Texas, at Ellington Field, and was assigned to assembling and building an air base. He was attached to the One Hundred and Twentieth Aero Pursuit Squadron and went to France. He was with this outfit the entire duration of the war. He was a sergeant, first class. Mr. Bish was mustered out of service May 16, 1919, and returned to his home, where he established a road service garage in Butler known as Bish's Garage, located on East Cunningham Street. He formed a partnership a little later with Mr. Forrester and the business was moved to South Main Street. The partnership was dissolved in February, 1926, when Mr. Bish took the agency for the Hupmobile and Marmon cars, and conducted the business until his death February 24, 1927, when he was killed in an automobile acci-

dent, being struck by a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad train. Mr. Forrester had charge of the service department and Mr. Bish the sales department. Each was conducted independently of the other.

On July 3, 1919, Mr. Bish was married to Miss Nell Forrester, a daughter of F. B. and Blanch (Moore) Forrester, natives of Prospect, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Forrester is engaged in farming and stock raising. Mrs. Bish is a graduate of Slippery Rock State Normal School, and began teaching school in 1915. She taught three years before she married and after death of husband she engaged in teaching again. Mr. and Mrs. Bish had three sons: Howard, born July 13, 1920; Lyle, born August 7, 1922; and Lawrence, born November 26, 1924.

Mr. Bish was a Republican and belonged to the Knights of Pythias, Pittsburgh Aero Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Butler County Automobile Dealers Association. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Edward V. Donnel, foreman of the composing room of the Butler Eagle, is one of the well known men of Butler. He was born in Olean, New York, June 7, 1882, the son of Nathaniel M. and Alice (Apple) Donnel.

Nathaniel M. Donnell was born on a farm in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1843. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, and for many years was superintendent of construction work for the Booth & Flynn Company, of Pittsburgh. He also worked throughout the oil fields in Crawford, Venango and Butler counties. He retired in 1916. His wife was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1854. Mr. Donnel has always been an ardent supporter of the Democratic party. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To them three children were born: Charles A., chief forecaster of the Weather Bureau, Chicago, Illinois; Edward V., the subject of this sketch; and Ray D., born in 1886, died in 1904. He is buried in North Cemetery, Butler.

Edward V. Donnel was educated in the public schools of Butler, graduating from the high school in 1898. He then began his

apprenticeship in the office of the Butler Eagle, where he learned the printer's trade. In 1903 he went with the Standard Steel Company, where he remained a year. In 1904 he went to Pittsburgh, where he worked at his trade, returning to Butler and was employed by the Butler Eagle as a printer. He was made foreman of the composing room in 1917, and also has charge of the linotype machines.

In 1907 Mr. Donnel was married to Miss Roberta Grace Sipes, a daughter of Robert M. and Jemima (Heller) Sipes. Mr. Sipes was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and was a practicing attorney in Pittsburgh. He died in 1921 and is buried near Leechburg, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. His widow, who was born in Kaylor, Pennsylvania, lives in Pittsburgh. To Mr. and Mrs. Donnel three children have been born: Charles Edward, born in 1908, a graduate in January, 1927, of Butler High School; Clifford N., born in January, 1910, a student; and William A., born in 1911, a student. Mrs. Donnel belongs to the Ladies Circle of the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Donnel is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and holds membership in the following fraternal organizations: I. O. O. Fellows, Connoquenessing Lodge; Woodmen of the World; Typographical Union No. 415, of which he has served as past president, secretary and auditor. The Donnel family is one of the highly esteemed families of the city.

Dorsey P. Burtner, manager of the Oil Well Supply Company, Butler, Pennsylvania, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born near Natrona, Allegheny County, October 10, 1878, the son of Isaac P. and Amanda J. (Singer) Burtner.

Isaac P. Burtner was born June 10, 1849, near Natrona, Pennsylvania. He was a successful farmer, owning 108 acres of well cultivated land in Jefferson Township, Butler County, where he resided until his death, which occurred March 10, 1927. His wife, Amanda J. (Singer) Burtner, was born in Freeport, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1850. Mr. Burtner was an ardent supporter of the policies of the Republican party, and he and his wife were members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Burtner were

the parents of five children: Capt. Roy I., a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Dorsey P., the subject of this sketch; Ethel, at home; Forest H., an agriculturist of Butler County; and Clare S., with the Bessemer Gas Engine Company, Grove City, Pennsylvania.

Dorsey P. Burtner was educated in the public schools of Jefferson Township, Butler County, Grove City College, and Butler Business College. His first position was that of stenographer with the Oil Well Supply Company, at Pittsburgh. He was in Texas for this company for three years, and in 1907 came to Butler as bookkeeper in their offices. In 1921 Mr. Burtner was promoted to his present position, as manager.

In 1906 Mr. Burtner was married to Miss Florence Norris, a daughter of John and Jessie (Kay) Norris, natives of Clinton Township, Butler County, where Mr. Norris was a farmer. He and his wife are both deceased. To Dorsey P. and Florence (Norris) Burtner four children were born: Mary E., a graduate of Butler High School and Butler Business College, with the T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company; Raymond D., a graduate of Butler High School and now employed by the Standard Steel Car Company, Butler, Pennsylvania; Carl N., and Virginia, students. Mrs. Burtner died in 1917 and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. In 1919 Dorsey P. Burtner was married to Miss Pearl E. Wyant, a daughter of Jacob and Caroline (Toy) Wyant, former natives of Armstrong County, now residing in Butler County, where Mr. Wyant is with the Standard Steel Car Company.

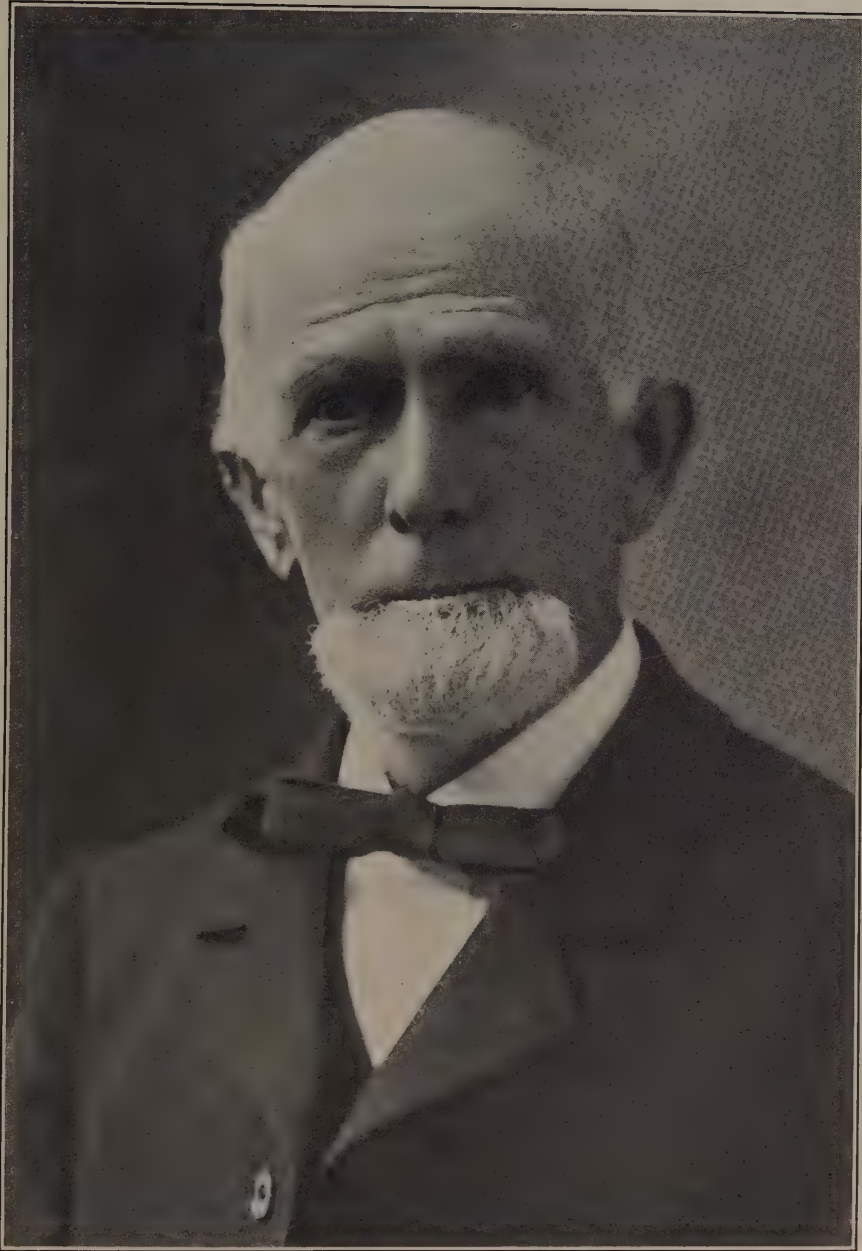
Mr. Burtner is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an active worker. He has held various church offices, having been Sunday school superintendent and an elder. He is now a trustee. Fraternally he is affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers, Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M.; Butler Chapter, R. A. M., No. 273, past high priest; Allegheny Council No. 27, R. S. M. M.; Lorain Commandery, K. T., No. 87; Pennsylvania Consistory, thirty-second degree, Valley of Pittsburgh; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh; Syria Caravan No. 14, Butler, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Butler Board of Commerce. Politically he is a Republican.

John Hildebrand, Jr., was a foremost citizen of Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he had for many years been closely identified with the educational, commercial and industrial interests of the community. He was born in Marietta, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1830, and died in Butler, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1914. He was a son of John Hildebrand, Sr., who for many years was engaged in the meat business in Marietta, Pennsylvania. He died June 9, 1882, aged ninety-two years. At the age of seventy he was still very active and engaged in the seasonal occupation of fence building, having the reputation of building twice as much fence as any man half his age. John Hildebrand, Jr., at an early age became identified with the live stock business and was recognized by dealers throughout the state as an expert judge of cattle and horses. His business brought him in contact with leading stockmen throughout Pennsylvania, and he was regarded by them as a careful business man and enjoyed their confidence and respect to a remarkable degree. His genial disposition and business integrity won the friendship of all with whom he came in contact. Until 1890 he was engaged in buying live stock in the western part of the state for the Eastern markets. He then, with his sons, William H. and Stanton M., opened the John Hildebrand & Sons Meat Market in Butler, Pennsylvania, which business is still conducted by his sons at 135 North Main Street. Mr. Hildebrand was a member of the First English Lutheran Church, Butler, Pennsylvania, and of its official board. In politics he was a Republican. His lodge affiliations were with Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. and A. M.; Royal Arch Mason Chapter; Commandery, Knight Templar; and Knights of Pythias.

John Hildebrand, Jr., was survived by the following children: Anna, William H., Stanton M., Jennie B., and Frank.

Mrs. Anna M. Lear died in Freeport, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1919.

William H. was educated in Lancaster County public schools, and the Cedar Hill Seminary, commercial department, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. After leaving school he clerked in a general store. He went to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1880, where he was employed by the Cambria Steel Company in the office of the chief engineer. From Johnstown he went to Butler, Pennsylvania, in 1890, and there became associated with his father and brother Stanton M. in the meat



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business. He is a member of the First English Lutheran Church, and has served on the church council for over twenty-five years, being a trustee of the congregation for a part of the time, and always an active member of the Sunday school as well. In politics he is a Republican.

Stanton M. was educated in Lancaster County public schools. As a young man he became associated with the management of a large cattle ranch, in which his uncle, Martin Hildebrand, was financially interested, in Arizona, but later joined his father and brother in the meat business in Butler, Pennsylvania. Upon the death of his father he, with his brother, William H., took charge of the business. He is a member of the First English Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican.

Jennie B., residing in Butler, Pennsylvania, is an active member of the First English Lutheran Church, and a valued worker in the Sunday school and Missionary Society. She is also interested in a number of community activities.

Frank, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history, resides in Butler, Pennsylvania.

John Hildebrand, Jr., was twice married. His first wife was Eliza Ann Booth, of Marietta, Pennsylvania, who died in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1875. His second wife was Lavina Catherine Raudebush, of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, who died in Butler, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1916.

Simeon Nixon, popular hotel owner, proprietor of the Nixon Hotel, the leading hotel in Butler, Pennsylvania, was born in Penn Township, Butler County, August 5, 1876, the son of Simeon and Jennie (Temple) Nixon.

Simeon Nixon, Sr., deceased, established in 1885 the original Nixon Hotel on North McKean Street, Butler. In 1897 the hotel was moved to its present site on East Diamond Avenue, and was finished and furnished in modern style. It has 150 rooms, a spacious dining room, and everything possible is done for the comfort of its guests. In 1895 a new building was erected, and in 1922 a new two-story addi-

tion was made with fifty rooms. The Nixon Hotel employs sixty persons, and meets every requirement.

Simeon Nixon, Sr., was a veteran of the Civil War, having been a member of the Sixth United States Cavalry. He served in all the battles participated in by his regiment, including that of Gettysburg, and was a non-commissioned officer. His wife, Jennie (Temple) Nixon, of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, is now a resident of Butler County.

Simeon Nixon, Jr., attended the Butler public schools and high school, and later the Slippery Rock Normal School, from which he entered the University of Pittsburgh. He was graduated from that institution in the class of 1897 with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. From his studies he went at once into the hotel business, in which he has continued ever since. Mr. Nixon is a director in the Guaranty Trust Company of Butler, and in politics is a Republican. In fraternal association he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 170. He is a member of the Board of Commerce, of the Butler Country Club, and of the Sons of Veterans.

On July 27, 1897, Mr. Nixon was married to Miss Cora A. Clark, a daughter of Mrs. M. Clark of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

J. L. Lichty, proprietor of Lichty's Book Store, 232 South Main Street, Butler, is one of the well known business men of that city. He was born in Myersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1881, the son of Jacob M. and Susan (Livengood) Lichty.

Jacob M. Lichty was born at Myersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, in 1843. He worked on his father's farm until the latter's death, when he took over the old homestead and lived on the farm until his death, which occurred in 1900. His wife was also born in Myersdale, March 12, 1853. She died in 1922 and they are both buried at Myersdale. To their union seven children were born: Anna, married Norman Stahl, in the automobile business, Myersdale; Emma, widow of D. F. Lepley, lives at Connellsville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Lepley was a mine supply manufacturer, and had over 200 patents registered at Washington, District of Columbia; Ada, married F. A. Maust, a coal operator and lumber manufacturer. He died October 26, 1924,

and his widow resides at Salisbury, formerly known as Elk Lick, Pennsylvania; Charles, a farmer, lives on the old homestead; Sally, Salisbury, Pennsylvania; and Lizzie, married Rev. S. J. Brickley, lives on the old homestead, where they operate a dairy. Reverend Brickley, who was ordained in 1924, is pastor of the Church of the Brethren.

J. L. Lichty was educated in the public schools of Myersdale, graduating from the high school in 1898, and from Juniata College in 1900. After leaving college he went to Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and clerked in a book store. In 1907 he established the Uniontown Office Supply Company at Uniontown, in partnership with Mr. Tannehill. This business was sold in 1908 and Mr. Lichty went to Altoona, Pennsylvania, as manager for the William F. Gable stationery department. In 1909 he went to New Castle for the New Castle Stationery Store, and in 1911 came to Butler, where he established his present business.

In 1911 Mr. Lichty was married to Miss Adah Johnston, a daughter of James and Christine Johnston, natives of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Johnston, a bridge builder, was for many years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Lichty have two children: James, born in 1912, attends Butler High School; and Nancy, born in 1916, a student in the grade schools.

Mr. Lichty is a Republican and a member of Bethany Reform Church, and has served as deacon for several years. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Board of Commerce, and Merchants' Association.

The Daubenspeck Family. In 1681, Peter, John and Jacob Daubenspeck, brothers, left Hessen on the Rhine, in Germany, and traveled overland to England, arriving as William Penn was leaving England with some colonists for America. They cast their lot with them and settled in Philadelphia, in the latter part of 1681.

The three brothers and their descendants lived in Philadelphia and the nearby counties of Northumberland, Schuylkill, Luzerne, and Lehigh, until after the close of the Revolutionary War. Then Jacob Daubenspeck and four sons and four daughters migrated to near Bruin, Butler County, Pennsylvania, from Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, arriving there in 1795.

They took up a section of land there and built a home, three miles west of Bruin. All the sons and daughters were then grown up. Jacob Daubenspeck's wife (Geiger) died and was buried on a plot near the homestead. The names of the sons and daughters who came with him to Bruin, Pennsylvania, were John, Lewis, Philip and George. Henry Daubenspeck did not leave Luzerne County until 1831, at which time he settled in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, south of New Bethlehem, between Red Bank and Mahoning Rivers. John and Lewis Daubenspeck settled in Clarion County, near New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. After Jacob's wife died he sold the homestead to his two sons, Philip and George, Philip taking the north end of the farm and George the south end with buildings. Jacob then moved to Indiana County, Pennsylvania, remarried and begot a son, who died at the age of eighteen years. Jacob Daubenspeck, tradition says, was buried in Squirrel Hill, Clarion County, Pennsylvania. All the sons in Clarion and Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, allowed the neighbors to call them Doverspike, which name they retain at present.

The four daughters of Jacob Daubenspeck married and settled in their homes, marrying Hepler, Smathers, Millison and Hilliard.

George Daubenspeck married Margaret Meals and lived in the old homestead on the south end of the farm, Philip locating on the north end. George Daubenspeck was the father of eighteen children, eight of whom died in infancy and were buried near their grandmother, in the family plot on the homestead farm. His oldest son, Jacob, was born in 1806, and John, George Jr., Samuel, Lewis and William later. Four daughters, Mrs. Mary Hoover, Mrs. Lydia Emerick, Mrs. John Millison; Margaret Daubenspeck remained single. All sons and daughters were agriculturists and all produced large families.

Samuel Daubenspeck, fourth son of George Daubenspeck, Sr., was born October 10, 1918, and lived with his father till early manhood. He was then employed at the Erie and Pittsburgh Canal while it was building. He was afterwards employed by the Great Western Iron Works at Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania. He held a commission of second lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Militia. On April 29, 1847, he married Suzannah Parker, daughter of James and Mary Snow Parker. Suzannah Parker was born October 1, 1828, in Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania, and lived with her parents, James and Mary Snow Parker,

until her marriage to Samuel Daubenspeck. Samuel Daubenspeck and wife moved to his farm in Washington Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, near Annisville, where they lived until May 11, 1872, when they moved to Sugar Creek Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. During the years they lived on their farm near Annisville, Pennsylvania, they brought up a family of twelve children, of whom three died in infancy. Four daughters and five sons grew to maturity. They were as follows: Sarah Jane, born May 11, 1848; Charles F., born January 24, 1850; Lynn Boyd, born February 5, 1852; Harriet M., born December 8, 1853; Myron P., born November 29, 1855; Samuel S., born February 2, 1857; Suzannah R., born March 7, 1861; Heber J., born December 29, 1864; and Alice A., born March 12, 1869.

Samuel Daubenspeck held the office of school director; elder in the Reformed Church in Sugar Creek Township, until his death, November 30, 1904. He was buried beside his wife, who preceded him in death. She died May 15, 1903, and was buried in the cemetery of the Reformed Church, Sugar Creek Township. In politics Samuel Daubenspeck was a staunch Democrat.

Of the nine children of Samuel and Suzannah Daubenspeck, Sarah Jane Daubenspeck died in 1925; Lynn Boyd Daubenspeck died in 1926; Harriett M., wife of E. H. Slaughenhaupt, is living in Vermillion, Ohio; M. P. Daubenspeck (single), farmer, Chicora, Pennsylvania; Samuel S. Daubenspeck, farmer, Indiana, Pennsylvania; Suzannah R., wife of P. H. Cunningham, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Heber J. Daubenspeck (single), Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania; Alice Annzina, wife of J. B. Yearick, Wilmington, California; Charles F. Daubenspeck, eldest son of Samuel and Suzanna Parker Daubenspeck, was born January 24, 1850.

Charles F. Daubenspeck lived with his father and attended the district school until the age of seventeen years. He then taught the district school for six winters, helping his father on the farm during the summer months, until the spring of 1871, except three terms in Emlenton Academy. After 1871 he helped build oil rigs for part of three summers and helped his father on the farm during harvest, and attended Emlenton Academy after harvest, teaching the district school the winter following. He matriculated in Cleveland Medical

School in 1875 and graduated from Cleveland Medical School, department of Western Reserve University of Ohio, in 1877. He commenced the practice of medicine April 1, 1877, in Shannondale, Pennsylvania.

Charles F. Daubenspeck married Mary Catherine Pontius, September 26, 1876, daughter of Solomon and Margaret Myers Pontius. They commenced housekeeping at Shannondale in 1877, and moved to Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in the latter part of 1878, where he practiced his profession for thirteen years. He then sold his property and took a post-graduate course in New York in the winter of 1891, and in 1892 opened practice in Cochranton, Pennsylvania, where he practiced for seventeen years. He then moved to Butler, Pennsylvania, where he still resides.

Doctor Daubenspeck is a member of County and State and American Medical Associations. He served as president of the Cochranton First National Bank for some years; was delegate to the Democratic convention at Scranton and Harrisburg, from Mercer County and Crawford County. In politics he is a Democrat. He is affiliated with F. and A. M. No. 408, Meadville Lodge. Doctor and Mrs. Daubenspeck are members of the First Presbyterian Church, Butler, Pennsylvania.

Three children were born to Doctor and Mrs. Daubenspeck, two of whom died in infancy. Their only son, Charles V. Daubenspeck, attended Cochranton schools, Grove City and State Colleges. He married Elsie Slack, of Zanesville, Ohio. He is affiliated with Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M., at Butler, Pennsylvania. He resides on his farm at R. F. D. No. 5, Chicora, Pennsylvania.

G. A. Diehl, general manager, treasurer and secretary of the Diehl Baking Company, of Butler, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 4, 1890, the son of Philip and Catherine (Nuesser) Diehl.

Philip Diehl was born in Pittsburgh, December 22, 1868. His wife, also a native of Pittsburgh, was born March 17, 1870. They now live at Butler. Mr. Diehl learned the baking trade when a young man in Pittsburgh, and where he operated a bakery. He later removed to Curwensville, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, and established the

Diehl Bakery, which he conducted for six years. He then returned to Pittsburgh, where he remained two years, and in 1901 he came to Butler. He worked for the Sherman Baking Company until 1910, when he established the Philip Diehl & Sons Bakery, of which he is now president, and in charge of the bakery shop. He is a Republican and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum, and is past commander of K. O. T. M. To Philip and Catherine (Nuesser) Diehl four children were born: Carl W., assistant superintendent of transforming and testing, Westinghouse Electric Company, Sharon, Pennsylvania; G. A., the subject of this sketch; Philip J., vice president of the company; Butler; and Carrie, married Elmer McFadden, foreman of Eisler-Hoch Auto Company, Butler.

Philip Diehl, Jr., was the son of Philip and Carolyn (Shaney) Diehl, who were born in Germany and who came to the United States when they were seven and nine years of age respectively. They are both deceased and are buried in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Philip Diehl, Sr., was in the creamery business. They were the parents of seven children: Jacob, retired, Pittsburgh; Philip; Charles; Albert; William, wholesale hardware, Pittsburgh; Carrie, married F. Dawe; and Lillian, married Harry Long, and they all reside at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Carolyn Shaney was the daughter of Jacob Shaney, an early pioneer of Butler County. Philip Diehl, Sr., was the son of Peter Diehl, born in Germany, and came to the United States and settled in Pittsburgh, where he was a steel worker. Catherine Nuesser was the daughter of John and Louise (Hahn) Nuesser, natives of Germany, who settled in Pittsburgh. He is deceased and his widow resides in Pittsburgh.

G. A. Diehl was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and Butler, and graduated from Butler Business College in 1906. He was agent for the Fleischman Yeast Company until 1910, when he became associated with his father in business as manager. In 1924 the business was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, with Philip Diehl, president; Philip J. Diehl, vice president; G. A. Diehl, general manager, treasurer and secretary. In 1914 they built a modern three story building and have their bake shop on the second

and third floors. The first floor consists of salesroom, wrapping, shipping, warehouse rooms, and garage.

In 1913 G. A. Diehl was married to Miss Stella Keck, a daughter of August H. and Emily (Koehler) Keck, natives of Butler. Mrs. Keck is deceased and buried in Butler. Mr. Keck is with the Standard Plate Glass Company, Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Diehl six children have been born: Emily Catherine, a student; Gilbert Herman, a student; Margaret Louise, died in 1921; Mary Estella, a student; Elmer Paul, born in 1924; and Gladys Caroline.

Mr. Diehl is a Republican and belongs to the Second Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers Association and of the Butler Board of Trade and the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Diehl is well known in Butler and has many friends.

F. D. Milliman is among the well liked and successful business men of Butler, where he has engaged in business continuously since 1886. He was born on a farm in Lancaster Township, Butler County, October 28, 1864, and is the son of George and Catherine (Householder) Milliman.

George Milliman came to this country with his parents from Alsace-Lorraine when he was two years old. They settled on land in Butler County, where he spent his entire life as a farmer. He is now deceased. His wife was also a native of Alsace-Lorraine. To Mr. and Mrs. Milliman were born the following children: George; Jacob; Henry; Phillip; F. D., the subject of this sketch; Sarah; and Kate.

F. D. Milliman grew up on his father's farm in Lancaster Township and received his education in the district schools. He learned the tinning trade with Fred Kline at Zelienople, Pennsylvania, and three years later went to Ohio, where he remained for six months. He has lived in Butler since 1886, where he is connected with F. D. Milliman & Sons, leading tinning and heating contractors of the city.

Mr. Milliman was married, October 27, 1887, to Miss Amelia Spithaler, the daughter of Henry and Catherine Spithaler, of Butler County. They have five children, as follows: (1) William, lives in Butler, married Della Flenner, and they have four children, Ruth,



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Jane, William, and Alma; (2) Clarence, lives in Butler, married Mary Spence, and they have a son, Robert; (3) Roy, lives in Butler, married Gertrude Neyman, and they have a son, Fred Roy; (4) Clyde, lives at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, married first to May Williams, deceased, and they had two children, Ralph and Rose; and married second to Miss Margaret Williams; and (5) Floyd, a graduate of Butler High School, attends Thiel College, at Greenville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Milliman is a Democrat. In 1923 Mr. Milliman was a candidate for county commissioner, but he was not nominated. He served on the School Board of Butler about twenty-five years ago for one term. He and his family hold membership in the First English Lutheran Church.

William Horwitz is a well known business man of Butler, Pennsylvania, where he is president of the Keystone Pipe and Supply Company. He was born in Minsk, Russia, October 24, 1876, the son of Louis and Temma (Horwith) Horwitz, both natives of Russia.

Louis Horwitz came to the United States in 1886 and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, and engaged in the furniture repairing business. He later lived at Chicora, Butler County, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the general merchandise business, later opening another store at Kaylor, Pennsylvania. He returned to Cleveland and went into general merchandising business, and after a few years retired. He is deceased, and is buried at Cleveland, Ohio, where his widow now resides. There were eight children in the Horwitz family: William H.; Harry, motion picture business, Cleveland; Yetta, lives in Cleveland; Jean, deceased; Rae, Cleveland; Anna, Cleveland; I. E., director of Keystone Pipe and Supply Company, Fort Worth, Texas; and Abe, in the oil business, Wichita Falls, Texas.

William Horwitz was educated in the public schools of Cleveland, and Spencerian Business College. He worked as a stenographer and bookkeeper for the Atlantic Refining Company, and A. Stadler & Son, and the Newburgh Reduction Company, Cleveland. He moved to Chicora with his parents and engaged in business with his father, where he remained for eight years. He started in the junk business

in Chicora for himself, and later in the supply business in Butler. In 1908 he organized the Keystone Pipe & Supply Company, in partnership with M. A. Berman. They employ fifty people, and it is the biggest supply company in Butler. In 1915 Mr. Horwitz organized the Keystone Tank & Boiler Company, of which he is president, and he is also president of the Keystone Production Company.

In 1901 Mr. Horwitz was married to Dora V. Berman, a daughter of Joseph Burman, of Cleveland, now retired. There are four children in the Horwitz family: Frances, a graduate of Northwestern University, at home; Samuel B., and Maurice, both students at the University of Pennsylvania; and Stella, a student.

Mr. Horwitz is a Republican and a member of B'nai Abraham Congregation. He belongs to the Rotary Club, the Knights of Pythias, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Martin Heim, deceased, was during his lifetime a well known and highly respected citizen of Butler County. He was born in Summit Township, Butler County, October 10, 1852, the son of John and Elizabeth (Ober) Heim.

John Heim was born in Germany in 1810. He came to the United States and settled in Philadelphia, where he learned the piano building trade. He married Elizabeth Ober, a daughter of Martin Ober, a native of France, who settled in Philadelphia. After his marriage John Heim came to Butler County and purchased a farm of ninety-three acres in Summit Township. This consisted largely of timberland, which he cleared and cultivated. He died in 1862. To John Heim and Elizabeth Ober three children were born: Henry; Catherine, the wife of Joseph Shebel; and Martin, the subject of this sketch. The family were members of the Catholic Church at Heiman, Pennsylvania.

Martin Heim received a common school education, after which he learned the trade of carpenter. He engaged in farming and then opened a stone quarry. He sold this quarry and leased three sand stone quarries, and furnished stone all over this section of the state.

Among his many contracts were the school buildings in Springdale, Pennsylvania, and for many of the finest homes in Butler. He employed many men in his business and was very successful. In 1908 Martin Heim, with his son, Anthony M., established the Martin Heim & Son Hardware Store in Butler, his son being manager of the business.

Martin Heim married Annie Benedict Kost, who now resides in Butler and is connected with the hardware store. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Heim are as follows: Joseph, lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he is engaged in the transfer business; William, building contractor and architect at Avon Park, Florida; Anthony, deceased; Theodore, dealer in automobile accessories, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Frank, building contractor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Viola, bookkeeper for George A. Kelly Drug Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Victor A.; Loretta, wife of W. H. Merrell, lives in Newark, Ohio; Anna, resides in Butler, Pennsylvania; and Mildred, at home.

Martin Heim died August 8, 1919, and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. He was a staunch Democrat and was active in the affairs of his party. He belonged to St. Peter's Catholic Church and was a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, No. 56, and was one of the executives. Martin Heim had many friends in this county and was one of the most honored of its citizens.

Victor A. Heim was born in Butler, November 4, 1894. He received his education in the parochial schools and was a clerk in the Martin Heim Hardware Store until 1917. He then enlisted in the U. S. Army and was sent to the University of Pittsburgh, where he was trained in auto mechanics. He was then sent to Camp Johnson, Jacksonville, Florida, and attached to the Motor Transportation Corps. Later he was sent to Marfa, Texas, where he remained until May 19, 1919, when he received his discharge. Upon his return to Butler he assumed charge of the hardware business, which position he now holds.

Victor A. Heim was married in 1920 to Miss Catherine Anna Vogelbacher, a daughter of John and Mary Vogelbacher, natives of Lucinda, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Vogelbacher is engaged in farm-

ing. Mr. and Mrs. Heim have two daughters; Dorothy Virginia and Shirley Ann.

Mr. Heim is a Democrat, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Butler Council No. 866. Mr. Heim is one of the progressive and enterprising young business men of Butler and has many friends.

William J. Pfister, proprietor of Pfister Tire & Accessory Store, 114 East Wayne Street, Butler, was born in Syracuse, New York, July 17, 1892, the son of John G. and Malitha T. (Brook) Pfister.

John G. Pfister was born in Butler County, March 28, 1863. His wife was born at St. Catherine's, Canada, July 31, 1862. Mr. Pfister learned the butcher's trade when a young man and afterwards learned the steel business in Pittsburgh. He later went to Canada and engaged in the gas producing business, lighting the first gas producing furnace in Canada. He opened up another mill in Detroit, later going to Syracuse, New York, for Sanderson Brothers. He returned to Butler County and purchased eighty-seven acres of well improved farm land, and devoted his time to farming and stock raising in which he has been very successful. He is a Republican and a member of St. Wendlen's Roman Catholic Church. William J. Pfister is the only child.

William J. Pfister was educated in the public schools of Syracuse and graduated from Syracuse High School. He then worked for the Deytime Register Company as an office clerk, after which he was with the Franklin Motor Car Company, Syracuse, in the machine department until he came to Butler with his parents. In Butler he was with the Pittsburgh-Hickson Company, and later with John Chamber's Garage. In 1920 Mr. Pfister established a service station at Woodbine, Butler County, which is one of the best and most modern in this section of the country. He still conducts this business. In 1922 he established a tire repair shop at 127 East Cunningham Street, and on August 1, 1926, he removed to his present location. Mr. Pfister is agent for the Dayton Tires and Tubes. His shop does all kinds of general tire repairing and vulcanizing and he has established an

extensive and rapidly growing business. He also carries a full line of automobile accessories.

Mr. Pfister was married in 1913 to Miss Mary Giebel, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wyland) Giebel. Mr. Giebel was a prominent agriculturist. He is now deceased and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery, at Carbon Center, Pennsylvania, where his widow now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Pfister have three children: Malitha, Catherine, and Brooks, all students.

Mr. Pfister is a Republican in politics and he and his family are members of St. Wendlen's Catholic Church. Mr. Pfister is a reliable young man who has been successful in his work.

Ira W. Hutchison, superintendent of the Butler Water Works, is a well known young business man of Butler. He was born in Butler Township, January 13, 1891, and is a son of David S. and Laura B. (Hays) Hutchison.

David S. Hutchison was born in Butler County, June 8, 1858, the son of William Hutchison, who was a farmer and stockraiser of Oakland Township, Butler County. He is deceased and is buried in North Butler, Pennsylvania. David Hutchison received a common school education, and began life for himself as an oil pumper and at other work in the oil country. He located with the Butler Water Company as caretaker in 1905 and remained with the company until his death. He died in 1916, and is buried in North Butler. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church and a highly respected citizen. His wife was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, in 1868, and now resides in Oakland Township, Butler County. They were the parents of two children: Eva, deceased, married Arthur Bell, who resides in Concord Township, Butler County, and they had one child, De-Loy; and Ira W., the subject of this sketch.

Ira W. Hutchison received his education in the public schools of Butler Township, and then began work as a laborer with the Butler Water Company. He was later made a foreman on their construction work. From 1912 until 1918 he was a meter man for the company, and was then elected superintendent of the company. This is one of

the important industrial enterprises of the city and Mr. Hutchison has demonstrated his efficiency during the years he has been so capably directing the affairs of the company.

In 1914 Mr. Hutchison was married to Miss Mattie Laverne Wick, a daughter of Miller and Mattie (McClung) Wick. Mr. Wick was a farmer of Oakland Township. He spent most of his life in that section and later was interested in oil production at Buena Vista, Pennsylvania. He died in Oakland Township in 1919. His wife died in 1922. To Mr. and Mrs. Wick were born the following children: Dr. Harry W., a dentist, lives at Butler; W. P.; R. R.; Jessie P.; Clyde C.; Ora; Robert; Charles; Mildred; and Laverne Hutchison. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison have been born two children: Keith, born in 1915; and Mildred, born in 1918.

Politically, Mr. Hutchison is a Republican. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Knights of Malta, Rotary Club, Y. M. C. A., and Board of Commerce.

Philip William Ruff, deceased, for many years a member of the firm and later sole proprietor of A. Ruff's Son, of Butler, a well established wholesale and retail shoe concern, was one of Butler's leading citizens, actively identified with local civic enterprise. He was the son of Albert and Mary (Bickel) Ruff, both of Butler, the mother still living there. His father, Albert Ruff, born March 20, 1846, was well known in Butler, and active in the shoe business there until his death in January, 1917. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Fifty-eighth Regiment, Company A, and in the Seventy-sixth Regiment, enlisting for service during the war.

The first member of the Ruff family to make their home in Pennsylvania settled in the eastern part of the state at the time of William Penn, but the family has been for several generations in Western Pennsylvania, Mr. Ruff's great-grandfather having settled in Summit Township, Butler County, in 1829.

Philip William Ruff was born in Butler, December 18, 1869, and was educated in the Butler public schools and in Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio. After finishing his education, he entered the em-

ploy of a wholesale shoe house in Boston, Massachusetts, as a traveling salesman, and for a number of years covered the middle-western and northwestern states. In 1895 he bought a half-interest in his father's shoe business, which had been established in Butler in its present location by his grandfather, Philip Bickel, in 1848. The firm became known as A. Ruff & Son, and was so called until the death of Albert Ruff in January, 1917, three years after the elder Mr. Ruff's death. Philip W. Ruff bought out his brother's interest and became sole owner, changing the name of the concern to A. Ruff's Son. This firm, which has been ably carried on for four generations, continued to do a steady, substantial business and to win new friends during Mr. Ruff's efficient management.

Mr. Ruff played a prominent part in local affairs in Butler. He was elected to the Butler School Board for three consecutive terms, and served as secretary and later as president of the board, and took an active interest in the educational progress of the city. He was chairman of the committee of three which built the first high school building, now known as the Junior High School. Among the clubs and organizations to which he belonged were the Rotary Club, of which he was a charter member, the Butler Board of Commerce, the Business Men's Association, the Sons of Veterans, Butler Country Club, Sterling Club, Commercial Travelers of America, National Association of Shoe Wholesalers, National Association of Shoe Retailers, Middle States Association of Shoe Retailers, Pennsylvania Shoe Retailers, and Pittsburgh Retailers Association. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Butler. Fraternally, Mr. Ruff was affiliated with Butler Lodge, No. 272, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 273, Royal Arch Masons; Lorraine Commandery, No. 87, Knights Templar; New Castle Chapter, Rose Croix, Pennsylvania Consistory, and Syria Shrine, of Pittsburgh, and was president of the Masonic Association of Butler; he was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was for years a director of the Guaranty Trust Company of Butler.

Mr. Ruff married, June 20, 1900, at Butler, Emma Louise Cromm, of Butler, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William and Mary (Miller) Cromm, of Butler, and they had two children: 1. Mary Cromm, born

September 7, 1901, a graduate of George Washington University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. 2. Evelyn Isabelle, born February 2, 1903, who graduated from Chevy Chase School and Erskine School.

Mr. Ruff died at his home in Butler, December 23, 1923, after a brief illness, at the age of fifty-four, and was buried in the South Cemetery. His death was a great loss to the community in which he played so active a part, and was, and continues to be, deeply felt by his wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who knew him for a splendid type of American citizen, as well as a personal friend.

Butler Savings & Trust Company. The history of the Butler Savings & Trust Company dates from the year 1868, when, on the third day of February, the Butler Savings Bank, with a capital of \$60,000, was organized by the then representative business and professional men of the town and county. Hon. James Bredin was chosen president, with Edward Lyon, cashier, and Adam Troutman, J. C. Redick, Eugene Ferrero, William Dick, E. A. Helmbold, Gabriel Etzel, R. A. Mifflin, David Kelly and Samuel Marshall, trustees. The bank established itself in the confidence of the public from the very start because of the high type and character of the men responsible for the project.

A state charter was granted to the bank, by special act, on May 20, 1871, and John M. Thompson was chosen president, serving until February, 1877, when William Campbell, Sr., succeeded him. At Mr. Campbell's resignation, in 1880, J. W. Irwin was chosen president. Mr. Irwin resigned in January, 1886, and Mr. Campbell, Sr., filled the office until December, 1887, when Joseph L. Purvis was honored with the position and wisely guided the affairs of the bank until 1902, when ill health caused him to retire from active business.

William Campbell, Jr., who succeeded Mr. Irwin, the first treasurer, and who had held this position for thirty-one years, was now chosen president and served until his death in 1907.

Early in Mr. Campbell's regime the matter which had been discussed at board meetings during the past year came to a head. The officers had realized that the banking house could still be of greater usefulness to the rapidly growing community by an increase of work-



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ing capital, as well as assuming the responsibility of acting in trust capacities.

Accordingly on the 9th day of August, 1902, application was made to the Department of Banking at Harrisburg for a change of name, as well as indicating an increase in the capital stock. After due consideration by the department permission was granted, and on September 4th of the same year the new name, Butler Savings & Trust Company, was adopted, after having enjoyed thirty-four years of successful banking as the Butler Savings Bank.

On the 2nd of January, 1903, the trust department was added to the bank's already usefulness to the community and at this same time the capital was increased from \$60,000 to \$200,000.

At the death of Mr. Campbell, in 1907, J. Henry Troutman, who had been such a powerful factor in the financial and industrial affairs of the city, was elected president and served until his death in 1919. It was in 1910, during Mr. Troutman's presidency, that the capital was again increased from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

J. S. Campbell, who was Mr. Troutman's successor, served less than two years when his death again made the office vacant.

Theodore Vogeley's term was the shortest of any of the presidents, he having been elected on April 19, 1921, and served until his sudden death on January 10, 1922.

William B. Purvis, a son of the fourth president of the bank, was honored with this position on January 17, 1922, and is emulating in financial matters the wisdom displayed by his father.

The present personnel of the bank officers is: William B. Purvis, president; George Worrall, vice president; John S. Campbell, Jr., vice president; Louis B. Stein, secretary-treasurer; C. E. Cronenwett, assistant secretary-treasurer; Gardner C. Lowry, assistant secretary; C. DeWitt Breaden, assistant secretary; Frank W. Christie, assistant secretary; Earle F. Herold, auditor; Harvey S. Adams, trust officer; Vincent DeMatteis, manager foreign department. Directors: W. D. Brandon, John S. Campbell Jr., James G. Campbell, William T. Freehling, Alfred J. Gumpfer, Dr. L. R. Hazlett, H. C. Hindman, William B. Purvis, Louis B. Stein, Frank E. Troutman, Harry Wimer, R. O. Wood, George Worrall.

Of the above force it is interesting to note that Mr. Stein has been treasurer for twenty-four years and has recently completed his

forty-second year in the bank's service, while Mr. Cronenwett, assistant treasurer, who entered the bank's employ on April 15, 1888, has completed thirty-nine years. The assistant secretaries have likewise become prominently identified in the bank's history and growth through their years of faithful service, Mr. Lowry having joined the force on June 11, 1900; Mr. Breaden on January 3, 1903; and Mr. Christie on September 1, 1906.

A recent statement of the bank shows the capital to be \$500,000, surplus \$600,000, undivided profits \$209,600.33, and a total business of \$6,986,697.84.

Inside the main banking room of the bank's magnificent eight-story building on the wall just above the massive safe deposit vaults is the motto, "Solidity—Service—Security." These trite words express the standing which the bank has won for itself during the long years in which it has served the community.

Solidity—stable and firm as the Rock of Gibraltar tested by time; Service—the determination to leave nothing undone to promote the interests of the patron; Security—the most modern business methods and appliances to safeguard all entrusted to its care.

E. H. Bishop, manager of the Butler Chain Company, Inc., is a well known business man of Butler. He was born near Eldred, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1888, the son of Charles H. and Annetta (Morris) Bishop.

Charles H. Bishop, deceased, was born in McKean County, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1855. His wife, also a native of McKean County, was born April 23, 1853. Mr. Bishop died March 5, 1919, and is buried at Port Allegheny, McKean County, Pennsylvania. His widow resides in Butler. In early life Charles H. Bishop worked on the Allegheny River boats and in later years was a lumber contractor. In 1907 he removed to Butler and was located with the Standard Steel Car Company until his death. He was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the K. O. T. Maccabees. To Mr. and Mrs. Bishop seven children were born: Lena, married B. C. Millard, building contractor, Olean, New

York; Morris, shipping clerk with Standard Steel Car Company, Butler; Eugene, superintendent of schools, Whittier, California. He graduated from Clarion Normal and Grove City College. Elizabeth, deceased, married R. L. Leonard, foreman with Forged Steel Wheel Company, Butler; E. H., the subject of this sketch; Leona, bookkeeper at Green & Youngs, Butler; and Arloene, deceased, buried at Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

E. H. Bishop was educated in the public schools and graduated from Port Allegheny High School in 1904. After leaving school he was a contractor in the lumber woods until 1907, when he came to Butler to live with his parents. He worked for the Standard Steel Car Company in various capacities in office work, and was general storekeeper in the automobile department when he resigned his position in 1921, at which time he became manager of the Butler Chain Company, Inc.

In 1914 Mr. Bishop was married to Miss Blanche Horton, a daughter of William and Phelina (Nobles) Horton, residing near Ithaca, New York, where Mr. Horton was a prominent agriculturist and stock raiser. Both he and his wife are deceased.

Mr. Bishop is a Republican, a member of the Butler Board of Commerce, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was past grand delegate to the Grand Lodge in 1919. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Charles R. McCarren, a member of the firm of Turgeon & McCarren, Clothiers, of Butler, is a member of a pioneer family of Pennsylvania. He was born on a farm near Worthington, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1888, the son of Patrick M. and Margaret (Cusick) McCarren.

James McCarren, paternal grandfather of Charles R. McCarren, was born in Ireland in 1808, and came to the United States in about 1851 and settled on a farm near Worthington, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming and also worked at the Buffalo blast furnaces at Worthington. He died January 26, 1904, aged ninety-six years. His wife, Ann (Friel) McCarren, is also deceased, and they are both buried in St. John's Cemetery, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

Patrick M. McCarren was born on the home farm near Worthington, Pennsylvania, in 1853. He began life working in the oil fields near Oil City, later going to Kittanning, where he was employed for a time in a foundry. He then returned to the home farm, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1923, when he retired and moved to Butler, Pennsylvania, where he and his wife now reside. Mrs. McCarren was born at East Brady, Pennsylvania, in 1862. Mr. McCarren is a Democrat, served as tax collector two terms, and was also a member of the school board. The family are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. To Patrick M. and Margaret (Cusick) McCarren thirteen children were born: James Francis, West Winfield, Pennsylvania; Anna, married P. J. Rodgers, Fenelton, Pennsylvania; Patrick J., Worthington, Pennsylvania; Mary T., married C. F. Hutzler, West Winfield, Pennsylvania; Sarah E., married Edward M. Shields, Butler, Pennsylvania; Charles R., the subject of this sketch; Hannah M., married Albert J. Green, Fenelton, Pennsylvania; Grace, deceased, is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Clearfield, Pennsylvania; Joseph V., a veteran of the World War, who served in the Remount Service, resides at Fenelton, Pennsylvania; John C., a World War veteran, served in France with the Eightieth Division of Engineers, lives at West Winfield, Pennsylvania; William L., West Winfield, Pennsylvania; Stephen A., Kittanning, Pennsylvania; and Margaret K., married Richard Caulfield, McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Charles R. McCarren was educated in the public schools of Worthington. After leaving school he worked on the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age, when he went to West Winfield and clerked in a general store. He later, in partnership with C. F. Hutzler, purchased and established a general merchandise store. In 1921 he sold his interest in the business to W. L. McCarren. During the World War Mr. McCarren enlisted in the Quartermaster's Department and was assigned to the Remount Service of the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He received his discharge March 28, 1919, as a sergeant. In 1921 Mr. McCarren came to Butler, where he became associated with L. T. Turgeon.

In 1920 Mr. McCarren was married to Miss Harriet M. Keasey, a daughter of George W. and Bridget (Patterson) Keasey. Mr. Keasey was a cattle dealer for many years, and in later life was

engaged in the lumber business. He is deceased and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Clearfield, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Keasey resides at Herman, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. McCarren have four children: Mary Irene, Jean Frances, Charles Raymond, Jr., and Patrick K. The family are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Mr. McCarren is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Butler Council, No. 866, Fourth Degree; the Board of Commerce; and K. O. T. M. In politics he is a Democrat.

John C. Vogel, proprietor of Vogel's Picture Shop, 105 East Jefferson Street, Butler, Pennsylvania, is a native of New York. He was born in Rochester, New York, June 20, 1877, a son of John W. and Helena (Zimmer) Vogel.

John W. Vogel was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and when a young man learned the glass maker's trade. He went to Rochester, New York, where he was employed for a time, and then returned to Pittsburgh, where he was affiliated with a large glass concern. Mr. Vogel was a pioneer in the glass industry. He came to Butler in 1884 and organized the Cooperative Glass Company, of which he was superintendent. His plant was later destroyed by fire, after which Mr. Vogel worked at his trade in various parts of the country. He died August 16, 1912. His wife, a native of Rochester, New York, died in 1922, and they are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Butler. Mr. Vogel was a Democrat and served one term in the city council of Butler. They were members of St. Peter's Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Vogel nine children were born: Joseph, a real estate dealer, Pittsburgh; John C., the subject of this sketch; William, a salesman, McKeesport, Pennsylvania; Raymond, engaged in the coal business at Bradford, Pennsylvania; and five children, deceased, are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Butler.

John C. Vogel was educated in the public schools of Butler, and Butler Business College. After completing his education he learned the picture framing business from I. J. McBride. In 1903 Mr. Vogel established his own business at 136 North Main Street, Butler, where he carried wall paper, paints, china, pottery, and glassware in con-

nection with the manufacture of picture frames, and from that beginning has developed his present thriving business. He afterward closed out all but the picture framing business and removed to East Jefferson Street, and in 1916 he removed to his present location. Mr. Vogel has one of the largest and best known stores in its line in Butler and his picture frames, all custom made, are shipped to all parts of the world.

Mr. Vogel is a Republican and a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, Butler Council No. 866, Fourth Degree. Mr. Vogel was one of the organizers of this council and a charter member, and has served on the board of trustees. He is also a director of the Mt. Jewett Fire Clay Company, of Mt. Jewett, Pennsylvania. Mr. Vogel is a representative and dependable citizen of Butler.

Leo T. Turgeon, a member of the firm of Turgeon & McCarren, Clothiers, Butler, is a well known business man of that city. He was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1887, and is a son of Alfred M. and Lena (Schill) Turgeon.

Alfred M. Turgeon, deceased, was born in Quebec, Canada, July 10, 1847. He left his home at the age of sixteen and went to New York City, where he worked at various jobs. He learned the painter's trade, and in 1893 came to Butler and engaged in the painting contracting business, in which he was active until his death. He died June 12, 1917, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Butler. He was a Democrat and a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church. His wife, Lena (Schill) Turgeon, was born in Lucinda, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1853. She resides in Butler. The Schill family were pioneer settlers of Clarion County. To Mr. and Mrs. Turgeon two children were born: Leo T., the subject of this sketch; and Minnie T., married D. W. Campbell, with the Southern Oil Company. They were the parents of three children: Regina and Janice (twins), students; and Alfred Leo, died May 24, 1926, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery.

Leo T. Turgeon was educated in St. Paul's parochial school, Butler. After he completed his school work he was a clerk in the Charles

Duffy store, where he remained five years. He then went to Pittsburgh, where he was employed by the Pittsburgh Dry Goods Company and at Kaufman's store, remaining six months with each store. He returned to Butler and clerked for Kidd & Wright, Clothiers, two years. In 1908 he was made manager and buyer for George Ketterer & Son, formerly the store of B. H. Horton Company. He resigned his position in 1913 and went to New Castle for Winter Brothers, clothiers, as manager of the furnishing department. He returned to Butler in 1914 and went with George Ketterer & Son, as manager and buyer for this store. In February, 1916, he became associated with the Hart-Graham Son's Company, and in 1918 became interested in the firm financially. In 1921 Mr. Turgeon established the Turgeon & McCarren store, his partner being C. R. McCarren. The firm carries a complete line of boys' and men's clothing, and have an exclusive department for boy's wear in the basement.

In February, 1910, Mr. Turgeon was married to Miss Clara B. Weigand, a daughter of Ferdinand and Hannah (Vogele) Weigand.

Ferdinand Weigand was born in Berne, Switzerland. He came to the United States in 1860 and enlisted in the Fifty-eighth New York Regiment. He served five years in the army and was wounded several times. He was in all the major engagements including Gettysburg, Bull Run, Chattanooga, etc. His object in coming to the United States was to enlist in the war. After his return to civil life he came to Butler, Pennsylvania. He learned the watchmaking business in his father's watch factory in Switzerland. He was a college graduate and spoke and wrote in seven languages. He was the son of Jacob and Anna Weigand, who spent their life in Switzerland. When Mr. Weigand first came to Butler he worked in the store of Charles Weismann, jeweler, later going into business for himself. He conducted this jewelry business until 1883, when he retired. He died in 1908 and his wife died in 1891. They are both buried in South Cemetery, Butler. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, Grand Army of the Republic, and Veteran's Legion. There were six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Weigand: Edward, deceased; Alfred Jacob, clerk in U. S. Postoffice, Woodlawn, Butler County; Charles, deceased; Bertha, married Virgil Gibson, postal clerk, Butler; Elizabeth, graduate of Butler High School, manager of the boy's depart-

ment of the Turgeon & McCarren's store; and Clara, the wife of Leo T. Turgeon. Mr. and Mrs. Turgeon have a daughter, Mary Jane, a graduate of the public schools of Butler, now attending Mount Aloysius Academy, Cresson, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Turgeon is a Republican, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Butler Council, No. 866, being past deputy grand knight, and a member of the Fourth Degree. He and his family are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Wesley I. Sipe, of the Sipe-Miller Company, general insurance agents, ranks high among the substantial citizens and well-known business men of Butler. He was born near Fenelton, Butler County, June 8, 1879, and is the son of William S. Sipe and Caroline Pontius Sipe.

William S. Sipe, deceased, was the son of John Sipe, well-known pioneer settler of Butler County, and spent his entire life on the old Sipe homestead, near Fenelton. In his early days he taught school in the neighborhood, later served as justice of the peace, and died April 4, 1925. His wife is also deceased, the date of her death being July 30, 1882. She was born August 22, 1850, the daughter of Solomon and Margaret Pontius. Mr. and Mrs. Sipe had four children: Cora, William, Edmund, and Wesley I., subject of this sketch.

Wesley I. Sipe received his education in the schools of Clearfield Township, Butler County, and was graduated from the Chicora High School, Cochranon High School, and McElwain Institute, in Mercer County. He taught school three terms in Donegal Township. He began his business career with the Chicora Whip Company, as one of its representatives, and after a year or so returned to Fenelton, where he successfully engaged in the general mercantile business for twenty-four years. Disposing of his interests at Fenelton, he came to Butler, and has been associated, since April, 1923, in the insurance business at that place with Carl M. Miller. Aside from his insurance business, Mr. Sipe has engaged in various other activities. He was the promoter of the Fenelton Telephone Company, which was later taken over by the People's Telephone Company of Butler, now the



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People's Telephone Corporation. He was also one of the promoters of the Sipe-Ferguson Coal Company, whose holdings are now held by the Consolidated Coal Company of Butler. He has also oil interests in Butler County. Mr. Sipe has also engaged in the oil and gas business in Butler County quite extensively over the last twenty years. For six years he was president of the W. I. Sipe Oil and Gas Company. For a number of years Mr. Sipe engaged in the automobile business at Fenelton. He was the owner of the first successful automobile in Clearfield Township.

Mr. Sipe has been twice married. On September 10, 1902, he married Miss Elizabeth C. Miller, a native of Fenelton, born March 31, 1880, and daughter of Nicholas and Mary Kratz Miller, natives of Germany. Mrs. Sipe was a graduate of the old Brady School, in Clearfield Township. Her death occurred October 16, 1915. Seven children were born to this union: Harry, born June 21, 1903, died September 8, 1906; Alberta M., born November 24, 1905, a graduate of the Butler High School, and at present a student at Slippery Rock State Normal School; Howard, born August 10, 1908, died October 13, 1910; Dorothy, born September 25, 1910, now a student in the Butler High School; Cordelia, born August 3, 1912, and Olive, born April 8, 1914, both students at present in the Butler Junior High School; and Charles, born October 9, 1915, and died November 9, 1915.

On September 10, 1919, Mr. Sipe married Mrs. LeVada (Walter) Frost, a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Elliott G. and Martha J. Walter. One child was born to this union: George William, on August 24, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Sipe live at 140 Oak Street, Butler, Pennsylvania. They are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Butler.

Mark Porritt, director of the Butler School of Music, Inc., Butler, Pennsylvania, is a native of England. He was born in Heckmondwike-Yorkshire, England, a son of Noble and Sarah (Allatt) Porritt.

Both Noble Porritt and his wife were born in Heckmondwike. He died in 1902 and his wife died in 1880. Mr. Porritt learned the dyeing trade when a young man and was a master dyer for one of the largest

concerns in England, and was a prominent man in the industry. He was a member of the Congregational Church. There were five children in the Porritt family: Mark, the subject of this sketch; Annie, married Mr. Hardiman, lives in Philadelphia; Clara, married Charles Blackburn, lives in Heckmondwike, England, where he has charge of a large carpet works. They have two sons, Norman and Arnold, both served in the World War; Arthur, lives in Heckmondwike; and Florence married Walter Sterling, lives in New Bedford, Massachusetts, where Mr. Sterling is in the blanket business.

Mark Porritt was educated in the public schools of his native town, and there he studied piano, pipe organ and voice culture until he was sixteen years of age. He then went to Paris, where he studied three years under Marmontel of the National Conservatory of Music. He came to the United States in 1884 and settled in Pittsburgh, where he taught in the Bissell Conservatory of Music for ten years. In 1897 he went to Dayton, Pennsylvania, where he was in charge of the music department of the Dayton Normal Institute, although retaining his residence in Pittsburgh. In 1907 he again resumed his teaching in Pittsburgh, and in 1910 removed to Butler, where he taught private lessons in music. In 1916 Mr. Porritt organized the Butler School of Music, Inc. This was located on the corner of McKean and Jefferson Street and the building was later sold to the Butler County Oil Company, and the School of Music was removed to its present location, 134 East Jefferson Street. In 1900 Mr. Porritt attended the World's Exhibition of Music and Fine Arts in Paris. The officers of the Butler School of Music, Inc., are: Rev. William Oliver Johnson, president; Grace M. Porritt, secretary; Jane Elliott, director; and Mark Porritt, director. The school is one of the best of its kind in this section of the state and Mr. Porritt in his work shows the skill of the true artist. He is progressive in his methods, and has received the hearty support of the entire community.

In 1887 Mr. Porritt was married to Miss Jennie G. Boyd, a daughter of John Boyd, who was prominently identified with the steamboat industry of Pittsburgh. He is deceased and is buried in Pittsburgh. To Mr. and Mrs. Porritt three children have been born: Pearl, married Robert Neville, oil business, Woodlawn, Pennsylvania. They have three children, Ruth, Margaret and Robert; Grace M., at home, a grad-

uate of Butler High School, Butler School of Music, a teacher in the latter school, and soloist in St. Peter's Episcopal Church; and Alfred Carl, a timekeeper with the Cadillac Motor Car Company, Detroit, married Miss Dorothy Dodge. They have two sons, Mark and Alfred C., Jr.

Mr. Porritt is a Republican and belongs to the Butler Board of Commerce, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the music committee of the Kiwanis Club. He and his family are members of the Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Porritt is a trustee.

Floyd R. Fennell, the manager of the Keystone Grocery & Tea Company, at Butler, Pennsylvania, is a member of a pioneer family that has been connected with the history of Butler County since 1830. He was born in Fenelton, Butler County, August 28, 1899, a son of Philip S. and Sarah E. (Rieger) Fennell.

Philip S. Fennell was born in Clearfield Township, Butler County, February 22, 1867, and was a son of Peter and Lydia (Shaw) Fennell. Peter Fennell was a farmer and the founder of the town of Fenelton. Through his influence a post office was established at that point and he served as the first postmaster. He also established a general merchandise store in the town which he conducted until his death. He died September 5, 1907. His wife died in 1918, and they are both buried at Worthington, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. Philip S. Fennell was reared and educated in Clearfield Township, and in addition to the mercantile business operated a valuable farm of fifty-three acres. Upon the death of his father he carried on the business, taking James Coyle, Jr., as a partner. He later sold this business to Mr. Coyle and retired. He is now superintendent of the Butler-Kittanning State Highway. He married Sarah E. Rieger, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Eysler) Rieger. She was born in Clearfield Township, Butler County, July 20, 1868. Mr. Rieger was a prominent farmer of that township and took a leading part in local affairs, both politically and socially. He was a Republican and served as postmaster of Fenelton for over eighteen years, and was an ardent supporter of his party. He is a member of the Methodist Church, in

which he is Sunday School superintendent and a member of the board of stewards. To Mr. and Mrs. Fennell two children were born: Floyd R., the subject of this sketch; and Edith Joy, who died October 2, 1922.

Floyd R. Fennell was educated in the public schools of Clearfield Township, and graduated from Butler High School in 1919. During the World War he served in the Students Army Training Corps at Westminster College. After leaving school he worked in his father's store as a clerk, and later as manager of the Fenelton Supply Company. He came to Butler in 1923 and for one year served as manager of the Newark Shoe Company. In 1924 he became manager of the Keystone Grocery & Tea Company.

Mr. Fennell is a Republican and a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an enterprising young man and is widely known in Butler County.

John Bickel. One of Butler's best known and most highly respected citizens was the late John Bickel, who for many years was engaged in the wholesale and retail shoe business. He was born in Butler, in February, 1843, a son of Philip and Catherine (Rimp) Bickel.

Philip Bickel and his wife were natives of Germany. They came to the United States and settled in Butler County, where for a time he engaged in farming. In the early sixties he came to Butler and established a boot and shoe manufacturing business. He later took into the firm as a partner his son, John Bickel, and later on A. Ruff was taken into the firm as a partner. This partnership continued for a number of years, Philip Bickel, the founder, then retiring, the business being continued by John Bickel and A. Ruff under the name of Bickel & Ruff. This partnership was dissolved about 1879, each partner opening a store of his own. John Bickel continued until his death, June 8, 1905, after which the widow, daughter and two sons have since conducted the business. John Bickel married Margaret Schmidt, who resides in Butler. During the Civil War John Bickel enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was a mem-

ber of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. To John and Margaret (Schmidt) Bickel three children were born: George H. Bickel, born October 1, 1869, at Butler. He was educated in the public schools, and on the completion of his studies became associated with his father in the retail shoe business as a clerk, and at the time of his father's death assumed charge of the store, with his brother, J. Philip Bickel. He brought to the concern youth, enthusiasm, optimism and new ideas, that helped develop the business along progressive lines, and he has become associated with other organizations in various capacities. He is a director of the Guaranty Trust Company, of Butler, and is a member of the Board of Commerce. He has always been interested in the civic life of this section and may always be depended upon to lend his aid in all matters that tend to the development and progress of his community. In politics he is a Republican. He attends St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

J. Philip Bickel was born at Butler September 3, 1872. He received his education in the public schools, and like his brother was taken into the firm as a clerk by their father, to whom he likewise brought the enthusiasm of youth, with all its accompanying modern ideas, that became an impetus to the concern and helped in its growth and development. His personal interest in the welfare of the employees of the establishment has won for him the warm regard of his associates, and his ability in handling tactfully any difficulties that may arise from time to time has had a telling effect upon the advance of the concern. Mr. Bickel, who is deeply interested in civic welfare, is always ready to lend his aid and support in any worthy cause. He is a member of the Democratic party, and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Anna Mary Bickel married Fred G. Holman, and they have two children: (1) John Bickel Holman, born September 4, 1899, married Helen Purdum. He graduated from Butler High School in 1918, and from Princeton University in 1921 with an A. B. degree. He was a member of the Student Army Training Corps, and of Phi Gamma Delta; and Richard Albert Holman, born January 12, 1902, graduated from Butler High School in 1919, and from Washington and Jefferson College in 1923. He is employed at the Bickel Shoe Store. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta and the Sterling Club of Butler.

William C. Lardin, of the firm of Lardin & Son, jewelers, Butler, is a member of an old and prominent pioneer family of Butler County, the first member of the Lardin family, Thomas Lardin, having settled in Butler County in 1796. William C. Lardin was born in Karns City, Butler County, July 26, 1883, a son of Daniel and Agnes H. (Peters) Lardin.

Daniel Lardin was born at Lardin's Mills, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1849, and his wife was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1860. They now reside in Butler. Daniel Lardin learned the shoemaker's trade when a young man, and also engaged in digging coal on his father's farm during the Civil War. He later removed to Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, where he engaged in farming with his brother, John Lardin. During the Civil War he and his brother dug coal to help pay for drilling an oil well at Lardintown. This well was drilled in 1866 and was 400 feet deep. Later gas was struck at this place. He returned from Illinois in 1871 and was engaged in the oil business as driller, contractor and later as an oil producer. He drilled the first well at Petrolia, Pennsylvania, which was called the "Fanny Jane Well." He continued as an oil producer until 1912, when he retired from that business. His oil activities took him all over Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, and he earned the name of "Oil Well Doctor." In 1912 with his son, William C., he established the Lardin & Son jewelry store. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. Daniel Lardin is a member of the Woodmen of the World of Butler, and is a charter member of Keystone Camp No. 8. He has been very active in this lodge and has held all the local offices. In 1907 he was a delegate to the sovereign convention at Norfolk, Virginia. To Daniel and Agnes H. (Peters) Lardin two children were born: Gertrude May, married Harry E. Sumney, resides at Livingston, Montana, where he is a dry goods merchant. They have one child, Benjamin L. Sumney, a bookkeeper in his father's store; and William C., the subject of this sketch.

Daniel Lardin was the son of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Lardin. He was born in Lardintown, Butler County, Pennsylvania, in 1808, and was a farmer and coal operator. He spent his entire life in that community. He was interested and helped organize the Methodist churches throughout that section in 1830. He was a fore-

man on one of the sections in 1828 at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on the old Pittsburgh canal. During the Civil War he was marshal of the Lardintown section to round up deserters. He died in 1896 and his wife died in 1859. They are both buried at Tarentum, Pennsylvania. To their union the following children were born: (1) John, a Civil War veteran, wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, was a prisoner at Libby prison. He was an active worker in the Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is buried at Mendota, Illinois. (2) William Miller Lardin, a Civil War veteran, member of the Masonic Lodge, and G. A. R., buried at Masontown, Pennsylvania. (3) Thomas, a Civil War veteran, was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg and was in Libby prison. He was a Mason and a member of the G. A. R. He is buried at Bolivar, New York. (4) Margaret, married William Mitchell, both deceased, and buried in Butler, Pennsylvania; and (5) Mary, married Harry Moorhead, a well known horseman of Pennsylvania, both deceased, and are buried in Butler, Pennsylvania.

William Lardin was the son of Thomas Lardin, who was born in the north of Ireland in 1760 and emigrated to the United States and settled in the East. In 1796 he came to Clinton Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, and acquired 1,000 acres of land, which was entirely wooded. He removed the first tree from this land. Wolves, bears and other wild animals were kept away by fires until a lot was cleared on this land. The town of Lardintown was named after Thomas Lardin, which was later changed to Lardin Mills. He built the first steam grist mill in Butler County. He died in 1836 and is buried in Deer Creek Cemetery, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He brought the first iron plow to Butler County, which is recorded in the old histories of the county.

William C. Lardin attended the public schools of Butler and graduated from the Butler High School in 1904. His first position was that of clerk in the jewelry store of Carl H. Lieghtner, where he remained nine years. In 1912 he and his father established the Lardin & Son jewelry store, in which business they have met with well deserved success.

In 1905 Mr. Lardin was married to Miss Nellie Wilson, a daughter of W. B. and Luella (Rupert) Wilson. Mr. Wilson, who was born in

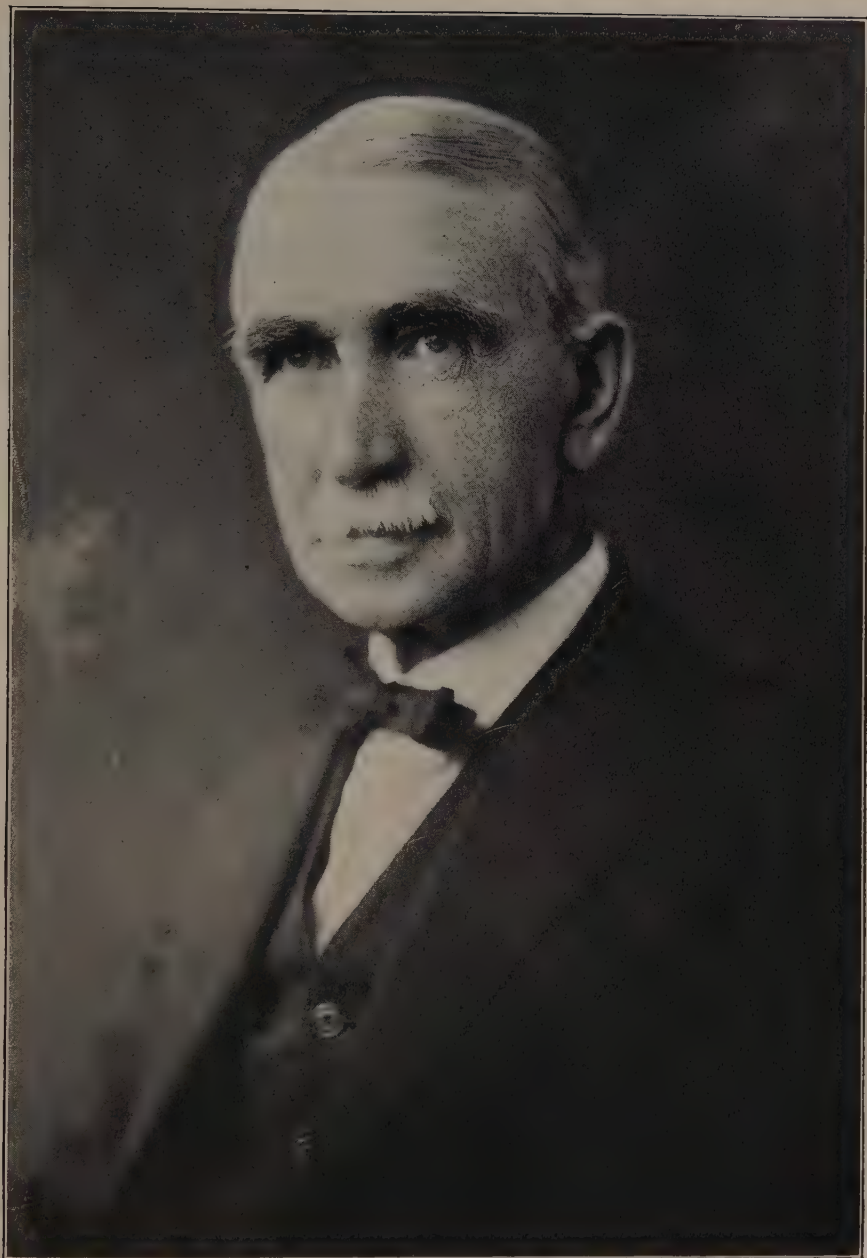
Delaware County, Pennsylvania, now resides at Mercer, Pennsylvania, where he is engaged in the tinning business. Mrs. Wilson was born in Mercer County. To Mr. and Mrs. Lardin five children have been born: Hannah E., Daniel Wilson, Anthony Rupert, and Helen Louise, all students; and William C., who died in infancy.

Mr. Lardin is a Republican, and belongs to the B. P. O. Elks, No. 170; Knights of Malta; Board of Commerce; and Sons of the American Revolution. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

John F. Anderson is a prominent business man and highly esteemed citizen of Butler, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born at Mt. Chestnut, in Butler County, February 14, 1852, and is the son of James D. and Mary Ann (Martin) Anderson.

James D. Anderson, deceased, was a widely known citizen of Butler County. He was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1816, and in 1833 came to this country and settled at Prospect, Pennsylvania; where he remained until 1865. He then removed to Penn Township, Butler County, where he farmed until the time of his death, which occurred in January, 1899. Mr. Anderson was a school teacher in early life. He was elected county registrar of Butler County in 1876 and served in that capacity for three years. He was a lifelong Democrat. His wife, Mary Ann (Martin) Anderson, was a native of Butler County. She died in 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who were married in 1841, had the following children: Robert M., died in 1919; Kiziah, died in infancy; John L., died in infancy; John F., the subject of this sketch; Elzie H., deceased; Mary Ann, widow of William Seaman; Elizabeth Jane, deceased; Emma, deceased; William C., Butler County, Pennsylvania; and Margaret Florence, wife of Charles Graham, resides in Butler.

John F. Anderson spent his boyhood at Prospect and attended the public schools at that place and also the district schools of Franklin Township. He was graduated from Witherspoon Institute, Butler, and for five years taught school in Butler and Allegheny Counties. He spent several years in Colorado in the coal business and in 1883 engaged in the mercantile business at Renfrew, Pennsylvania. Five



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years later Mr. Anderson removed to Butler, where he has since been identified with the Home Natural Gas Company and the Standard Plate Glass Company, being vice president of the latter named organization.

On June 25, 1883, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage with Miss Iona May Heap, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. They have two sons, Frank Carl and James Gardner.

In politics Mr. Anderson is identified with the Republican party and he is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church.

E. C. Huselton is one of the prominent automobile men in the city of Butler, Pennsylvania, where he has been engaged in this business for twenty years. He is the owner of the Huselton Automobile Company, 111 West North Street. He was born in Butler, July 5, 1883, a son of B. C. and Agnes (Shaw) Huselton.

B. C. Huselton was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1848, the son of Theodore Huselton, who came to Butler County in 1858 and settled on a farm near Butler. He later removed to the city of Butler, where he became engaged in the oil and real estate business. He was also engaged for a time in banking at Greece City. B. C. Huselton was a school boy when his father moved to Butler County, and the first work he did was photography during the Civil War. Later he engaged with his father in the shoe business under the firm name of B. C. Huselton. Later he purchased his father's business and property and has thus been actively engaged ever since. He is the oldest merchant in the city of Butler and is at his place of business every day. In the early days he brought his stock from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, over the old plank road. In 1873 he purchased the ground on North Main Street and erected a two story building, which he has since occupied. Mr. Huselton is a highly respected citizen and has many friends. He married, first, Jennie Reed, a daughter of Captain Reed, a prominent resident of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Huselton died two years after her marriage. He married second, Miss Agnes Shaw, a daughter of James Shaw, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and to this union the following children were born:

E. C., the subject of this sketch; James, resides at Venice, Florida. He is assistant to the manager of the Venice project. The property belongs to the Locomotive Engineers Society. He is a veteran of the World War, serving in Archangel, Russia, with the U. S. Army, and was later transferred to the Red Cross in charge of transportation through Siberia. He was commissioned a captain in the Red Cross; and Francis, married John Shaw, a wholesale grocer, resides at East Liberty, Pennsylvania.

E. C. Huselton was educated in the public schools of Butler, Butler High School, and was graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1902. After leaving college he went into his father's business. In 1906 he went to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he worked for Frank Rosensteel. In 1907 he returned to Butler and became associated with his father. In 1906 he, in partnership with Fred Wright, organized an automobile company, and were agents for the Reliance automobile. Mr. Huselton and Mr. Wright sold the first automobiles in Butler County. In 1907 Mr. Huselton took on the agency for the Maxwell-Briscoe automobiles, and in 1911 became the Hudson agent. In 1916 he took on the Cadillac agency. The Cadillac and Hudson cars were closed out in 1920, when Mr. Huselton became agent for the Reo and Pierce Arrow cars. Mr. Huselton has built up a well ordered and prosperous business, his garage being modern in equipment and facilities required for giving service to his patrons.

In 1907 Mr. Huselton was married to Miss Lyda Burtner, a daughter of John and Susan (Crisswell) Burtner, natives of Butler County. Mr. Burtner, who is now deceased, was located with the Purvis Planing Mill Company. His widow resides in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Huselton five children have been born: Helen, a graduate of Butler High School, is her father's stenographer; Jane, Chandler, Edgar, and Suzanne, all students.

Mr. Huselton is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is affiliated with Butler Lodge F. and A. M. 272; the Butler Chapter R. A. M. No. 273; Lorain Commandery, K. T. No. 87; New Castle Lodge of Perfection; New Castle Rose Croix; Penn Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh, thirty-second degree; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Syria Caravan No. 14, A. A. O. N. M. S.; United Commercial Travelers; and the Butler Automobile Dealers Association.

Kenneth Russell, proprietor of The Russell Laboratories, Butler, Pennsylvania, is a young business man who has already achieved unusual success in his chosen work. He was born near Tylersburg, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1891, the son of Peter Wilson and Margaretta (Lucas) Russell.

Peter Wilson Russell was born at Strattonville, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, in 1854. He attended the public schools and worked in the lumber woods of that county, later becoming a lumber estimator and buyer. He owned a shingle mill in Clarion County which he operated for a time. In 1906 he came to Butler, Pennsylvania, and was in charge of the lumber department of the Standard Steel Car Company. He died in 1909. His wife, Margaretta (Lucas) Russell, was born in Corsica, Clarion County, in 1854. She died in 1899. They are both buried at Marionville, Forrest County, Pennsylvania. He was a Democrat in politics and held various township offices. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell six children were born: Grace, served as a missionary in New Mexico for the Presbyterian Church, also served in Cuba, is now attending college in New Mexico; O. Wilson, in charge of the Bessemer Freight Transfer, Butler; James Joseph, clerk, with the Standard Steel Car Company, Butler; Ralph Roy, deceased, buried in Scotch Hill Cemetery, Clarion County, Pennsylvania; Kenneth, the subject of this sketch; and Towler Samuel, sales manager of the American Tobacco Company, living at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Henry Russell, a brother of Peter Wilson Russell, was a prominent Democrat of Forrest County, Pennsylvania. He served two terms as county commissioner and one term as county treasurer. He died in 1925 and is buried in Marionville, Pennsylvania.

Kenneth Russell attended the public and high schools of Marionville, Pennsylvania. After coming to Butler in 1906 he was employed as a clerk in the Ideal Clothing Parlors, where he remained for five years. In 1911 he accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Lutz & Schramm Company of Pittsburgh, manufacturers of pickles and preserves. In 1913 he went with the Pittsburgh Food Products Company. In 1920 he was with the Fitch Company of Youngstown, Ohio. He resigned that position in 1921 to accept the position as manager of the Butler Wholesale Grocery Company. In 1923 Mr.

Russell established his present business. He manufactures pure food flavoring extracts which are sold in quantities from a half ounce bottle to a fifty gallon barrel. He manufactures fifty flavors of "Ken-Sell" extracts. These products are sold over the entire country. They also manufacture cocoa, mustard and table syrup. This plant is the only one of its kind in Butler, and is located at 215 South Cliff Street. The business has grown and prospered because its proprietor has made his products worthy of patronage.

Kenneth Russell was married in 1909 to Miss Gertrude Godwin, a daughter of W. J. and Caroline (Ryans) Godwin. Mr. Godwin died in 1925 and is buried in Butler, where his widow now resides.

To Mr. and Mrs. Russell two children have been born: Joseph William, born in 1910; and Garnet Grace, born in 1914, both students.

Mr. Russell is a Democrat and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with Butler Lodge F. and A. M., No. 272; New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree; past worthy patron Order Eastern Star; and past counsellor of the United Commercial Travelers. Mrs. Russell is a member of the Eastern Star.

Richard F. Dougan, the well known proprietor of Dougan's Garage, at Butler, Pennsylvania, was born in that city, August 4, 1894, the son of Joseph A. and Molly O. (Schaffer) Dougan.

James A. Dougan was born at Great Belt, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools and when a young man learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for a time. Later he learned the electrical business and was employed by the U. S. Electric Company. Following that employment he was a salesman for the Artificial Limb Company of Pittsburgh, with which firm he remained until his death. He was the inventor of a crutch which was manufactured by the company. He died in 1904 and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania. He was a Democrat, a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and belonged to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. His wife was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania, and is now living in Butler. To James A. and Molly O. (Schaffer) Dougan three children were born: Antoinette, married John F. Dougherty, a painting con-

tractor, Butler, and they have two children, John, Jr., and Gladys; Richard F., the subject of this sketch; and Inez, the widow of Wade Edwards. She is a graduate of Slippery Rock (Pennsylvania) Normal School and is now engaged in teaching in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Richard F. Dougan attended the parochial and public schools of Butler, after which he went to Coalinga, California, and conducted a laundry agency. He returned to Butler and learned the machinist's trade at the Standard Steel Car Company. He was later employed as a mechanic of the Atwell Auto Company, and in 1915 he went to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he operated a car service for the United States government doing border duty. In July, 1916, he returned to Butler, and was employed by A. F. Eisler, servicing cars. He was with the Spang Company in charge of the skin and facing operations on the 155 MM. shells, six inch. He remained with that firm until the close of the war. In 1919 he was with the Liberty Service Auto Company and in 1920 purchased the business which he has since conducted. He has managed his business successfully and has a large and growing patronage. He does all kinds of automobile repair work.

On April 10, 1924, Mr. Dougan was married to Miss Margaret Evelyn Scowden, a daughter of Leon D. and Eva (Miller) Scowden. Mr. Scowden was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and was engaged in the oil business. He died in 1926 and is buried at Smethport, Pennsylvania. His widow, who was born in Iowa, resides at Farmer's Valley, McKean County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Dougan have one son, Richard Francis, born March 6, 1926.

Mr. Dougan is a member of Grace Lutheran Church and belongs to the Isaac Walton League. He is one of the capable and farsighted young business men of the county.

J. E. Foster, general manager of The E. A. Bream Company, Inc., of Butler, Pa., is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born August 23, 1872, at Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, the son of George Hays and Cordelia (Fair) Foster.

George Hays Foster was born August 11, 1838, in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. He began life as a farmer and during the

Civil War enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Regiment, Company B, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted in 1861 and served three years as a noncommissioned sergeant. He was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness. After the war he returned to Armstrong County, where he engaged in farming until 1890, when he was elected county treasurer and served three years, after which he retired from active business. He died October 20, 1922. His wife, also a native of Armstrong County, born in 1842, died October 5, 1922, and both she and Mr. Foster are buried at Cowansville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Foster was an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and served as county appraiser and court viewer. He belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic, and served as its first commander. This Grand Army post was named after John Foster, a brother of George Hays Foster, who died in Andersonville prison. Mr. and Mrs. Foster were devout members of the Presbyterian Church. To them were born eight children: C. R., Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania; Lillian, the widow of Thomas L. Rodgers, resides at Kittanning; Dr. Ira C., a physician at Steubenville, Ohio; J. E., the subject of this sketch; Ida L., a trained nurse, resides at Wildwood, Pennsylvania; Albert H., in the oil business, resides at Sewickley, Pennsylvania, R. R. No. 3; Jennie, married Henry Wibel, an agriculturist, lives near Kittanning; Nita, married H. D. McCullough, a contractor, Elfenvild, Pennsylvania; Ross R., died March 4, 1891, and is buried at Cowansville, Pennsylvania.

J. E. Foster received his education in the public schools and was graduated from Kittanning High School, and from Iron City Business College. After leaving school he was bookkeeper for his father in the county treasurer's office. For two years he conducted a grocery store at Kittanning. He sold this store and went to the Milltown Oil Fields in Allegheny County, where he was employed as a pumper. He followed the field work until the organization of the Parker & Edwards Oil Company, when he became general field manager. He continued with this firm until it was merged with the present company, at which time he was made general manager of The E. A. Bream Company. This company operates through Beaver, Allegheny, Clarion, Butler, Mercer and Lawrence counties.

On April 24, 1901, Mr. Foster was married to Miss Elizabeth McKee. She died on January 13, 1905, and is buried in Springdale,

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. To them was born a daughter, Lillian E., a graduate of Butler High School, now a student at Oberlin College, where she is specializing in kindergarten and music. Mr. Foster married, second, on February 3, 1910, Miss Rosalla M. Moon, a daughter of Joseph M. and Susan E. (Fleming) Moon. Mr. Moon, deceased, was born in Allegheny County and was a farmer and oil producer. His widow, a native of Venango County, resides at Wildwood, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Foster is a Republican and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with Victory Lodge No. 694, F. and A. M.; New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree; United Commercial Travelers, No. 465, past senior councillor; and has served as delegate to the grand council held at various places in Pennsylvania; past chancellor and commander, Knights of Pythias; and Knights of Krassen, D. O. O. K. Mr. Foster stands high in his community and ranks among the substantial citizens of the county.

George S. Leith, well known business man and proprietor of Leith's Floral Company, 145 North Main Street, Butler, Pennsylvania, is a native of Scotland. He was born in Aberdeen, February 9, 1887, a son of William and Jane (Duffis) Leith.

William Leith and his wife were both born in Scotland. He learned the miller's trade in Scotland and established his own business there. In 1908 he sold his business and emigrated to the United States in 1909, locating at Butler, Pennsylvania. He established the Leith Floral Company in partnership with his sons, which he conducted until 1917, when he sold his interest and located with the Standard Steel Car Company. To William and Jane (Duffis) Leith seven children were born: William, foreman of repair gang, Standard Steel Car Company, Butler; Anna, Cresson, Pennsylvania; Frank, Butler, Pennsylvania, a veteran of the World War, having served in France with the Three Hundred and Twenty-third Light Field Artillery as sergeant; Alexander, twin brother of Frank, Butler; George S., the subject of this sketch; Harry, a World War veteran, served in the infantry with the Canadian Army, was an instructor in England, lives

at Butler; and Robert, a World War veteran, served in France with the Canadian Army Light Horse Artillery, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. William Leith, who reside in Butler, are members of the Second Presbyterian Church.

George S. Leith attended the public schools of Aberdeen, Scotland, and learned the gardener's trade. He came to the United States in 1908 and located in Pittsburgh, where he was engaged in the florist's business. He removed to Butler in 1909 and engaged in business with his father and brothers. In 1917 he bought his father's interest in the business, and in 1919 purchased his brother Frank's interest. He has a modern store in Butler, and has 10,000 square feet of land covered by glass. This is located two miles west of Butler. His specialty is cut flowers and plants. Mr. Leith is a member of the Society of American Florists, and the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association. Mr. Leith has built up a large business and is recognized as one of the leading florists of the county.

On November 9, 1905, Mr. Leith was married to Miss Jean Hill, a daughter of John and Isabel (Murray) Hill, natives of Scotland, where Mr. Hill is an agriculturist. Mrs. Hill is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Leith four children have been born: William, Frances, Lillian, and Harold, all attending school.

Mr. Leith is a Republican and a member of the Christian Church.

Walter Morris, owner and manager of the successful Morris Boot Shop at Butler, is a native of this city. He was born May 31, 1894, the son of A. S. and Lou Emma (McCracken) Morris.

A. S. Morris was born at North Washington, Pennsylvania. At an early age he came to Butler, where he has since resided. He engaged in the oil business and has met with success. Mrs. Morris was born at Volant, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Morris were the parents of six children: Flossie, deceased; Orie, Walter, James, Ross, and Nellie.

Walter Morris attended the public schools of Butler. He started his business career as a clerk in Ruff's Shoe Store, Butler, where he remained eight years. He left that store to become manager for the



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Leader Store's shoe department, which position he held for four years. Mr. Morris then entered business for himself and established the Morris Boot Shop in 1922. This shop is located at 116 East Jefferson Street, and is one of the finest establishments of its kind in the city. Mr. Morris employs three people, and carries a complete line of shoes.

On April 14, 1915, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Myrtle Campbell, of Butler, a daughter of J. I. and Kathryn (Whitmeyer) Campbell. Mrs. Campbell is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Morris three children have been born: Margaret Jane, Kathryn, and Geraldine. The family reside at 233 Christie Avenue.

Mr. Morris is a Republican and belongs to the Grace Methodist Church. In 1925 Mr. Morris was a candidate for mayor of Butler, but was defeated by present Mayor Wick. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Masonic Lodge, Consistory, as well as a member of the Lions Club and Board of Commerce. Mr. Morris is a progressive young man in his business and has many friends in Butler.

Thomas H. Jamison, a plumbing contractor of Butler, was born in that city, December 6, 1891, a son of Thomas and Margaret Elizabeth (Sicily) Jamison.

Thomas Jamison was born in Scotland in 1853. He came to the United States at the age of fourteen years and settled at Lockport, New York. For a time he worked on the lakes and later removed to Canada. He studied civil engineering and was engineer in charge of construction of the railroad between Foxburg, Pennsylvania, and Kane, Pennsylvania, for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He remained in the employ of that company and later became weighmaster and yard conductor at Butler. He died November 16, 1906, and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. His widow, who was born in Canada in 1850, now resides at Butler. Mr. Jamison was a Republican, a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Railway Trainmen. To Thomas and Margaret Eliza-

beth (Sicily) Jamison five children were born: William Seymour, with the Pittsburgh Railway Company, lives at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Vernon Sheldon, Toronto, Ohio; Jessie Bell and Della May, both at home; and Thomas H., the subject of this sketch.

Thomas H. Jamison attended Butler High School, after which he clerked in Daubenspeck & Company's grocery store for one year. In 1909 he learned the plumbing trade with C. P. Eberle Plumbing Company of Butler, after which he worked for various plumbing concerns. In 1924, in partnership with Mr. Cole, he established the Cole & Jamison Plumbing Company, which is located at 110 West Mifflin Street, Butler. This partnership continued until February 10, 1927, when Mr. Jamison became sole owner. He is doing a general plumbing and heating business and meeting with well deserved success.

On May 15, 1916, Mr. Jamison was married to Miss Catharine K. Saunders, a daughter of William and Catharine (Baer) Saunders, natives of Pennsylvania and both deceased. Six children were born, five now living. Mrs. Jamison is a graduate of Middlesex Township High School and Butler County General Hospital. In 1914 she became a trained nurse and followed this profession in Butler County until the time of her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Jamison four children have been born: Irene Elizabeth, Helen Louise, Thomas William and Kathleen Elvira.

Mr. Jamison is a Republican, and a member of the Meridian United Presbyterian Church, in which both he and his wife are active workers, and Mr. Jamison is treasurer. The Jamison family rank among the leading citizens of Butler County.

James H. Forrester, the popular proprietor of the Forrester Garage at Butler, is a native of this county. He was born in Prospect, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1897, a son of Ford B. and Blanche (Moore) Forrester.

Ford B. Forrester was born in Prospect, Butler County, in 1869. He was educated in the public schools and then taught school for twenty-five years in Butler County. He also engaged in farming. He lives on the old homestead, which consists of ninety acres of well

improved land, and he has a dairy business in connection with his farming. Mr. Forrester is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he has held the office of trustee. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has served several years on the boro council. He is a man of energy, vision and ambition and an asset to the community. Politically, he is a Republican. To Ford B. and Blanche (Moore) Forrester six children were born: Ruth, deceased, is buried in Prospect, Pennsylvania; Nellie, the widow of H. E. Bish, Butler; James H., the subject of this sketch; Lewis K., Prospect; Bernice, married N. Snow, Prospect; and one child died in infancy.

Ford B. Forrester was a son of James N. and Agnes (Garvey) Forrester, natives of Butler County, now deceased. Mr. Forrester, a Civil War veteran, was a member of the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at the Battle of Antietam. Blanche (Moore) Forrester was the daughter of Eli and Rachael (Schaffer) Moore, and was born in Muddy Creek Township, Butler County, in 1875. Mr. Moore was engaged in agriculture and stockraising for many years and is now deceased. He is buried at Prospect, Pennsylvania. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His widow now resides at Prospect, Pennsylvania.

James H. Forrester was reared on his father's farm and attended the public schools of Prospect. He graduated from the Prospect High School in 1914, and then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he was employed until 1922 with Stone & Webster, contractors. In 1922 Mr. Forrester, in partnership with H. Bish, opened an automobile salesroom and garage. They built the first auto wrecker in Butler County. The partnership was discontinued in 1926, when Mr. Forrester took over the service end of the business and Mr. Bish the sales division, handling the Hupmobile. Mr. Bish died as the result of an automobile accident in February, 1927. Mr. Forrester does all kinds of repair work and in connection has a wrecking service. He has built up an excellent business in this field.

In 1922 Mr. Forrester was married to Miss Blanche M. Allen, a daughter of William and Charlotte (Van Horne) Allen. Mr. Allen, a native of New York State, was a coal miner and farmer. His wife

was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. They are both deceased and are buried in Grove City, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Forrester have been born three children: Betty Jane, Evelyn May, and Jean Louise.

Mr. Forrester is a Republican and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Knights of Khorassan, D. O. K. K. He is a member of the American Automobile Association, and is vice president of the Butler County Automobile Club. He is a capable and progressive young man and has many friends in Butler County.

J. Harvey Painter, a well known young restaurant man of Butler, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in Millerstown, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1898, a son of H. G. and Sarah E. (Harvey) Painter.

H. G. Painter was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1872, the son of George and Martha (Smith) Painter, natives of Allegheny County. He was a Civil War veteran, having served in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness. After the war he returned to Millerstown, Allegheny County, where for many years he was proprietor of a general store and also postmaster. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried at Millerstown. His son, H. G. Painter, attended the district schools and learned the plasterer's trade when a young man. He was later employed by the Carnegie Plow Company. In 1902 Mr. Painter established a restaurant at Tarentum, Pennsylvania, in which business he is still active. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 644. To Mr. and Mrs. Painter two children were born: Martha, married Theodore Biehl, a haberdasher, lives at Tarentum; and J. Harvey, the subject of this sketch. Sarah E. (Harvey) Painter was born in Butler County in 1874, the daughter of George and Agnes (Riddle) Harvey, natives of Butler County. Mr. Harvey was a farmer and stock raiser. He died July 10, 1893, and is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He was a veteran of

the Civil War, and was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg. His widow resides at Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania.

J. Harvey Painter was educated in the public schools of Tarentum and graduated from the high school in 1916. He learned the bricklayer's trade with the S. R. Smythe Construction Company when the United States entered the World War. He enlisted in the Motor Transportation Corps and was sent to Jacksonville, Florida, and attached to the Four Hundred and Fifty-eighth Company, Motor Train No. 416. He went overseas with his company and served in France for fourteen months, being located at Brest. He was mustered out of the service September 10, 1919, and returned to Tarentum, where he resumed his work with the construction company. He remained with that company until 1920, when he engaged in the restaurant business with his father. On September 11, 1925, he came to Butler and established the Painter Restaurant, which is located at 103 South Main Street.

In 1922 Mr. Painter was married to Miss Margaret Colin, a daughter of O. C. and Margaret (Berner) Colin, natives of Tarentum. Mr. Colin was for many years the proprietor of a hotel which he sold later and is now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Painter have a daughter, Martha Jane.

Mr. Painter is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is also a member of the American Legion, Tarentum, Pennsylvania, No. 85; Veterans of Foreign Wars, No. 249, Butler; La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, Voiture No. 5; and the B. P. O. Elks No. 644, Tarentum, Pennsylvania, of which he was past exalted ruler in 1925, being the youngest exalted ruler who ever served.

Alfred M. Reiber. As the head of the firm of A. M. Reiber & Company, one of the largest and oldest of the department stores of Butler County, Pennsylvania, Alfred M. Reiber holds a distinctive place in the circle of business men of this section. He is active in all matters that tend towards the progress of his locality, taking a deep interest in all civic matters, and lending his aid and support in all movements that stand for the advance and general welfare of his

community. Energetic and industrious, with marked initiative, and far-seeing vision, Mr. Reiber has risen to his present standing through years of application, having served many years' apprenticeship in the employ of others. The broad training and experience that he gained in this way stood him in good stead when he undertook his present establishment, which has grown from a small beginning, comparatively, and has not alone developed in size, but has broadened in scope, until its expansion has made it one of the leading stores of Butler among the department stores. Mr. Reiber established this concern almost two score years ago, carrying it on alone at first, but after the first few years he took his brother, George J. Reiber, into partnership with him, and changed the name of the firm to include him. During these years that they have been working side by side, their combined efforts have helped in the development of their business, which today employs a large force of people; and so progressive is this concern, that each individual unit in its organization takes a personal pride and interest in its growth and reputation. The welfare of his employees is a matter that is very close to the heart of Mr. Reiber, and there is a bond of fellowship between him and them, which is the outgrowth and result of this human interest. He is a member of a number of organizations that stand for progress and the civic welfare of the section, and is highly thought of in his community, holding the deep regard and respect of all who come into touch with him.

Alfred M. Reiber was born November 22, 1855, at Butler, Pennsylvania, son of George and Margaret (Burckhalter) Reiber, both now deceased, his father having died in 1893, and his mother in 1896. They were both useful members of their community, and were deeply esteemed. The son received his education in the public schools of this section, and started in his business career with the Joseph Horne Store at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Here he remained for thirteen years, during which time he learned thoroughly the details and fundamental practice of carrying on a business. He was in charge of the glove department at the period of his deciding to return to Butler, and on resigning this connection, he returned to his home town. It was in 1886 that he started in business for himself, opening a ladies' and men's furnishings store, and so successful was this undertaking,

that after two years he decided to enlarge his concern, and took his brother, George J. Reiber, into the firm, the name being changed to Alfred M. Reiber & Brother, and from that time the business expanded, until it is today one of the largest and best established department stores of this section of the county. The organization employs upwards of sixty-five people, and in 1918 it was incorporated under the name of the A. M. Reiber & Brother Company, the officers today (1927) being George J. Reiber, president, and Alfred M. Reiber, secretary and treasurer, and it enjoys the reputation of being not only one of the best, but one of the oldest of the business organizations of the county. It is run on a thoroughly modern and up-to-date program, and the interest of its patrons is one of the outstanding features, which mark it the modern business emporium. Mr. Reiber is keenly alive to his civic duties, and is affiliated with the Democratic party in his politics, but his whole time is so devoted to his business affairs, that he has never desired to have political preferment or office. His interest in the civic welfare of Butler is keen, and he is a member of its Board of Commerce. He also belongs to the Sterling Club and Country Club of Butler. In his religious connection, he is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Reiber is unmarried.

George J. Reiber, the brother of Mr. Reiber, was born September 22, 1850, at Butler, Pennsylvania, son of George and Margaret (Burckhalter) Reiber, his parents both deceased. He received his education in the public schools of his native town, and then attended the Wither-spoon Academy. He entered into partnership with his brother in 1888, having previously, from 1874 to 1877, been in the grocery business, so that his experience also stood him in good stead on entering this business, which has grown to be one of the large emporiums of Butler County. Together, these two brothers have moved steadily forward to success, each having a good business sense, as well as experience back of them, when the present business was undertaken. Their forward march in its development has been marked by a straightforward treatment of their patrons, founded upon a deep integrity of character, and they have well earned the respect and esteem of the community. George J. Reiber is a member of the Pennsylvania State Militia, belonging to Company B. He is interested in fraternal and civic and club affairs, and is a member of the Benevo-

lent and Protective Order of Elks; of the Board of Commerce of Butler; and the Sterling Club. In his political affiliation he is a member of the Democratic party. Mr. Reiber is always active in all movements that stand for the progress and advancement of the community, and in the general welfare of the workers of the firm he takes a deep personal interest. He is held in the esteem and respect of his associates, and is honored by the section, who know of his sterling worth.

George J. Reiber married, in 1903, in Butler, Estelle L. Pape, of Butler, a daughter of D. T. and Mary (Sthley) Pape, her parents well respected citizens of the locality. Mr. and Mrs. George J. Reiber are the parents of one child, George Alfred Reiber, born in 1905.

Arthur Franklin Regal, the subject of this sketch, is a great-great-grandson of Mathias Riegel, who arrived at Philadelphia in the good ship "Adventurer," from Rotterdam, on September 23, 1732, aged twenty-three years. Mathias was granted land in what is now Lower Sancon Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and lived there until his death in 1777.

Benjamin Riegel, son of Mathias, was born in 1729 and died in 1778. He was a prominent farmer, well known in his community, and the father of seven children, one of whom, Jacob, was born November 11, 1768. Jacob was married to Mary Snyder and resided in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, for a time. Later he removed to Mahoning County, Ohio, where he lived until his death, October 1, 1822.

The spelling of the family name had been changed from Riegel to Regal before 1801, as it appears in its present day form in deeds dated 1801, 1818, etc.

On December 5, 1794, the third child of Jacob and Mary Regal was born. He was named Benjamin in memory of his grandfather. He married Susan Shively, resided near Youngstown for a time, and in 1820 or 1821 removed to a "quarter section of land" in what is now known as Mahoning County, Ohio. Benjamin Regal was prominent in township affairs, was a successful farmer, a member of the Reformed Church, and a firm believer in sobriety. After a life full



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of activity, he died at the home he had built in the wilderness, February 25, 1865.

Benjamin Franklin Regal, the youngest child of Benjamin and Susan Shively Regal, was born on the Regal farm in Goshen Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, September 19, 1842. He was a successful farmer and dairyman, very prominent in the Methodist Church, a lifelong prohibitionist, a school director, etc. He died January 10, 1914, at Damascus, Ohio.

Arthur Franklin Regal, fourth child and oldest son of Benjamin Franklin and Sarah Ann Venable Regal, was born in the old Regal homestead, August 19, 1869. His early education was secured in the district schools of the county, after which he was graduated from the Northeastern Ohio Normal School at Canfield, Ohio. He taught school in various townships and counties of eastern Ohio, then attended and was graduated from the Zanerian College at Columbus, Ohio. He was principal of the commercial department of the Actual Business College at Akron, Ohio, for a number of years, then removed to Butler, Pennsylvania, in 1898. He became sole proprietor and manager of the Butler Business College at that time, which position he has held continuously since then. He married Florence M. Guise, a daughter of Hiram and Rhoda Jane Dole Guise, to whom the following six children have been born: Roy Benjamin Franklin; Maybelle, deceased; Austin Esley, deceased; Dale Edwin, deceased; Vernon Russell; and Amy Luella Elizabeth.

Aside from his lifelong activities as an educator, Professor Regal has been long and favorably known as a musician. At various times he has been a member of local musical organizations, where his ability as a cornetist is well known. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the National Association of Cost Accountants, and a member of the Butler Board of Commerce. He resides at Meridian, Pennsylvania.

Roy Benjamin Franklin Regal, oldest son of Arthur F. and Florence M. Guise Regal, was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, February 25, 1896. His education has been secured in the Butler public schools, Butler High School, the Butler Business College, and the Bowling Green Business University. He is the assistant principal and advertising manager of the Butler Business College, having been associated with his father in this school work since 1914. During the World

War he served with the Eighteenth, Fourth, Second, and Sixteenth Companies of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Depot Brigade, U. S. A., Camp Meade, Maryland. He was honorably discharged April 25, 1919, as a sergeant, having served nine months. On March 16, 1925, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster's Reserve section of the Officers' Reserve Corps. On May 18, 1925, he was enlisted as a member of the Medical Detachment, One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry, Butler, Pennsylvania, with which organization he is now affiliated.

"R. B. F.," as he is usually known, is a member of F. O. Blankenship Post, American Legion; La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux; the Y. M. C. A.; the Butler Philatelic Society; and of the Pittsburgh Typewriter and Adding Machine Dealers' Association. He is local agent for the Victor Adding Machine Company, American Writing Machine Company, Remington Typewriter Company, and the A. B. Dick Company. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

In 1920 Mr. Regal was married to Laura A. Steen, a daughter of Samuel and Alma Bloom Steen. The following children have blessed this union: Dorothy May, Samuel Franklin, and Margaret Elizabeth.

Charles H. Barnhart, a member of the firm of Barnhart & Klinger, flour and feed merchants, is a well known business man of Butler. He was born in Chicora, Butler County, July 9, 1877, a son of David F. and Mary Catherine (Krug) Barnhart.

David F. Barnhart was born in Chicora, Pennsylvania, in 1852. He attended the district schools and learned the carpenter's trade, and was also a wagonmaker. He died October 22, 1887, and is buried in Hemphill Cemetery, Chicora, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Barnhart was born near Sarver Station, Butler County, in 1853. She now resides in Chicora. To David F. and Mary Catherine (Krug) Barnhart five children were born: Charles H., the subject of this sketch; Anna, married L. W. Francis, a civil engineer, of Washington, D. C.; Frank H., Standard Steel Car Company, Butler; George H., engaged in the meat business at Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania; and Arthur W., with the Carnegie Steel Company, Duquesne, Pennsylvania.

Charles H. Barnhart attended the public schools of Chicora until he was fourteen years of age, when he was obliged to assist in supporting the family, his father having died four years previously. He worked at odd jobs, earning \$10 a month, until he was seventeen years old, when he left home, with only \$12 in his pocket, and went to Apollo, Pennsylvania, where he secured work with the Apollo Sheet Mill Company at \$1.25 per day, handling pig iron. He later had a job as "matcher," bundling sheet iron, for which he was paid \$1.65 per day. He would work two shifts at times, doubling up on his work in order to make more money. In 1895 he returned to Butler, where he became an apprentice blacksmith with Grohman & Oesterling, at 128 Mifflin Street. He was taken on trial for two weeks, after which he received the sum of \$20 for the first year, \$40 for the second year, and \$60 for the third year. During his apprenticeship of three years he worked also at various other jobs, such as mowing lawns, digging ditches, etc., to enable him to buy clothes. During his apprenticeship he would board with one partner for three months and then the other partner for the following three months. In 1898 he went to work for P. W. Weisner & Son, blacksmiths, for which he received \$8 per week. Later he worked at horseshoeing for Mr. W. B. Robinson, receiving \$9 per week. In March, 1899, he purchased for \$225 a one-half interest in the blacksmith shop of Adam Schenk, where he did general horseshoeing. In 1900 Mr. Barnhart purchased some land on Bluff Street and erected a frame building 22 feet by 40 feet, which he used as a blacksmith shop. He paid \$225 for building this shop, which left his capital at the low ebb of \$2.50 to start business. He later enlarged this shop, taking as a partner Daniel Kennedy. This partnership was later dissolved and Mr. Barnhart devoted his entire time to horseshoeing, making a specialty of shoeing race horses. Mr. Barnhart has two large wooden cabinets which are filled with horse-shoes of his own make as well as those of other blacksmiths, which are highly prized by him. He later erected a modern blacksmith shop, which has a door made like a large horseshoe. This shop is one of the most complete of its kind in the county. It consists of two floors and a concrete basement. In April, 1921, Mr. Barnhart sold his business to B. E. Wilson, and in May, 1921, purchased the H. J. Klinger retail feed business, and entered into a partnership with Carl J.

Klinger. Through Mr. Barnhart's untiring efforts and sound judgment the firm has met with marked success, and it is one of the well established commercial enterprises of Butler. Mr. Barnhart is a self-made man and a citizen who enjoys the high regard of the entire community.

In 1898 Mr. Barnhart was married to Miss Clara M. Leitold, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Bauer) Leitold, natives of Butler County. Mr. Leitold was the owner of 140 acres of land in Butler County. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in South Cemetery, Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart two children were born: Lloyd L., born March 16, 1900, died May 13, 1908; and Elizabeth Mary, a graduate of Butler High School and Wittenburg College of Music, at home.

Mr. Barnhart is a Republican and is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, in which he is elder. He is an active church worker and devotes a large part of his time to orphanages and other institutions. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Butler Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 272; Butler Chapter, R. A. M., No. 273; Lorain Commandery, K. T., No. 87; New Castle Consistory (thirty-second degree), New Castle, Pennsylvania; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh; and Syria Caravan, No. 14, A. A. O. N. M. S. Mr. Barnhart has given much of his time to civic bodies, and is universally respected and esteemed by the people of Butler.

H. C. Patterson, the popular proprietor of the Mifflin Street Service Station, Butler, Pennsylvania, was born in Cherry Tree, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1884. His parents are John W. and Mary V. (Moorehead) Patterson.

John W. Patterson was born at Cherry Tree. He was reared on a farm and attended the district schools, after which he engaged in the lumber business. He bought large tracts of wooded land, upon which he had various custom sawers do the contract sawing, after which he sold the lumber throughout Pennsylvania. He later bought a farm near Cherry Tree which he operated for a number of years, later removing to East Liberty, Pennsylvania, where he retired from

active business. He died in December, 1918, and is buried at East Liberty, Pennsylvania. He was a staunch Republican, and served as school director and road supervisor. He was a member of the Methodist Church, in which he was an elder for many years. He also belonged to the Junior Order of American Mechanics. His widow, who was born at Dixonville, Pennsylvania, now resides at Freeport, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Patterson six children were born: Mabel, married Robert Dawson, both are deceased and are buried at East Liberty, Pennsylvania; Jessie, deceased; Alberta, married Charles W. Garside, a contract decorator, live at East Liberty; H. C., the subject of this sketch; Thomas M., of whom later; and O. L., engaged in the garage business at Freeport, Pennsylvania.

Thomas M. Patterson enlisted in the army for service in the World War, and was assigned to the Thirtieth Infantry, Third Division. He was killed in action at the second battle of the Marne, in July, 1918. He is buried in East Liberty, Pennsylvania.

H. C. Patterson was reared on his father's farm and attended the public schools in Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania, and later learned the automobile business from Smith Brothers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He worked for various garage firms in that city, and in 1920 went to Freeport, Pennsylvania, and with his brother, O. L. Patterson, purchased a garage. They had the agency for the Buick automobile. They sold their business in March, 1926, and H. C. Patterson came to Butler and purchased the Mifflin Street Service Station. He is agent for the Waverly Oil Works Company, and handles a complete line of automobile accessories, as well as a high-grade stock of tobaccos and confections. Mr. Patterson in the short time he has been in Butler has built up an excellent business.

In 1906 Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Olive G. Luther, a daughter of Frank F. and Anna (Groves) Luther, natives of Sharon, Pennsylvania, and both now deceased. Mr. Luther was a graduate nurse and did special work in hospitals. To Mr. and Mrs. Patterson three children have been born: Norman C., a student; Thelma Grace, deceased, is buried in East Liberty, Pennsylvania; and Victor, a student.

Mr. Patterson is a Republican.

M. J. Taylor is one of the well known and highly respected business men of Butler, where he is manager and agent for Taylor's Garages. He was born in Oakland Township, Butler County, December 30, 1880, and is a son of James L. and Rebecca E. (Gallagher) Taylor.

James L. Taylor was born near Buillon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in 1843, the son of Mathew and Catherine (Kephart) Taylor. Mathew Taylor came from Venango County, Pennsylvania, and his wife was a native of Lancaster County. He was a raftsman on the Allegheny River, and later drove a stage coach between Pittsburgh and Franklin, Pennsylvania, during the Civil War. After the war he followed farming. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried at Eau Claire, Pennsylvania.

James L. Taylor learned the blacksmith's trade. During the Civil War he served in the One Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness. After the war he operated a grist mill, and also was a coal dealer. He died in 1910 and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania. Rebecca E. (Gallagher) Taylor was born near Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, in 1858, the daughter of Peter and Jennie (Love) Gallagher. Mr. Gallagher fought in the Mexican War in 1849, and also in the Civil War in 1861. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in North Cemetery, Butler. Mrs. Taylor now resides in Oakland Township, Butler County. To Mr. and Mrs. James L. Taylor two children were born: M. J., the subject of this sketch; and Mary, married C. W. Dunn, with the Valvaline Oil Company, Butler, Pennsylvania.

M. J. Taylor attended the public schools of Butler. His first job was with the Butler Brick & Tile Company, where he remained for ten years. He was manager of the company when he resigned in 1908. He then entered the automobile field, selling Ford cars for the McIntyre Auto Garage Company, located on Monroe and Cunningham Streets. He was with this company for twelve years. In 1920 he purchased several oil wells and these wells now produce about 1,400 barrels a year. In 1917 he built a garage near Woodbine Street, which he operated until 1926. On July 1, 1926, he took charge of the present business, which has two locations, one being at 250 West Jefferson Street, and the other at the corner of Monroe and East Cunningham

Streets. Mr. Taylor understands the business thoroughly and is capable and progressive.

Mr. Taylor was married on November 5, 1904, to Miss Lilly E. Tinstman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tinstman, natives of Butler County. Mr. Tinstman died in 1917 and his wife died in 1899, and the remains of both are buried at Whitestown, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor two children have been born: Richard L., now in charge of his father's oil well interests; and Vera Elizabeth, a student.

Mr. Taylor and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is past elder. He is a substantial citizen and is known for his upright business standards.

Wilson W. Graham, son of Robert, Jr., and Sarah A. Graham, was born in Butler Township, Butler County, August 3, 1834.

His grandfather, Robert Graham, Sr., whose father came from Scotland, was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He came to Butler County in 1797 and purchased 100 acres of land, which he afterwards sold to the commissioners who laid out on it part of the town of Butler.

Wilson W. Graham grew to manhood on his father's farm. Upon reaching his majority he purchased a 160-acre farm in the northeastern part of Penn Township. On June 4, 1868, he married Clara J. Shrader, a daughter of John and Jane (Patterson) Shrader, early settlers of Jefferson Township. Mr. and Mrs. Graham were the parents of three children: Jennie S., wife of W. Elmer Bartley; Frank J., who died December 11, 1896; and Elizabeth, who died August 6, 1902, the wife of Dr. H. A. McCandless.

Mr. Graham was a practical and successful farmer. He lived on his farm until 1896, when he moved to Butler, where he spent the remaining years of his life.

Mr. Graham served several years as director on the Penn Township School Board.

He and his wife and family were members of the Shiloh United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Graham died June 21, 1904, and Mrs.

Graham died February 7, 1902. They, with their son, Frank, and daughter, Elizabeth, are buried in the North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania.

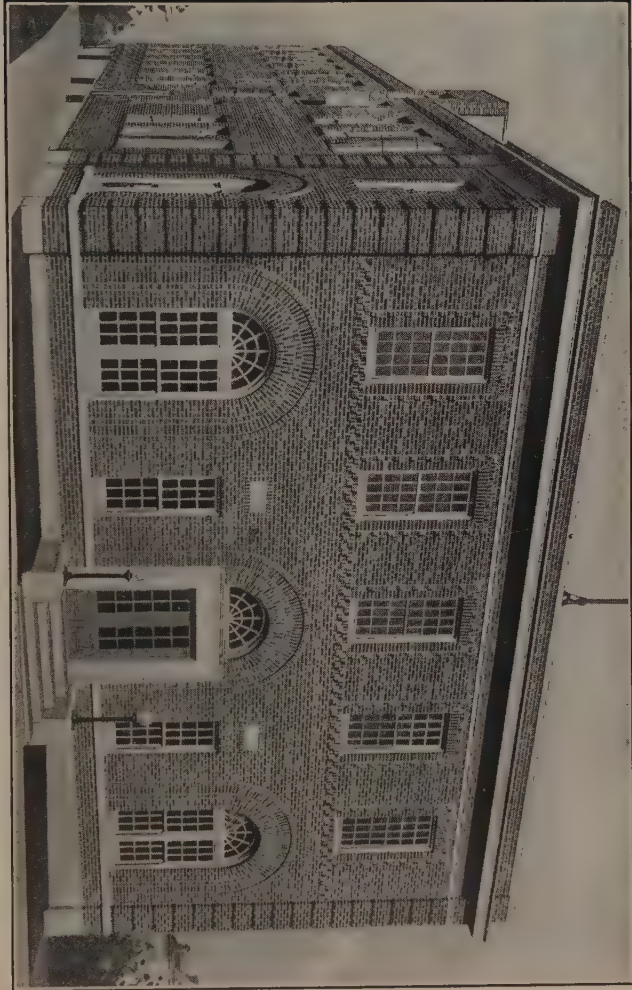
The Peoples Telephone Corporation. The telephone industry had its birth in Bell's discovery in 1878. For a few years the development of the industry was slow, but as soon as the people of the United States realized the benefits of this invention to business life the expansion was rapid.

The original companies furnishing this telephone service were owned by a small group of men in and about Boston, and these men, realizing the value of their holdings, were slow about doing any outside financing. As a result, they were able to take care of only a small portion of the demands for service, and to a great extent their development was restricted to the larger cities.

This situation resulted in the great independent telephone movement which swept the country in the early nineties. This movement was generally fostered by local capital, and was primarily an effort to obtain a greater service in the various communities.

Butler County's general telephone development can be traced to the desire of the early oil producers to obtain communication from Butler to the various oil fields.

An entertaining chapter of the early years is the story of the telephone and the Glade Mills oil field. It is almost twenty-five years ago that T. J. Shufflin, then an oil tank builder, realized the advantage it would be to him if he could keep his shops in Butler in instant touch with the oil fields. This request for service to the only company doing business in the field was unavailing. Companies in that day did not recognize the need of furnishing small community or rural telephone service. If pay stations were located in the smaller centers of population these public stations would serve both the rural communities and the surrounding territory and would therefore be enough. But the service was not enough for Mr. Shufflin; time in a developing field meant money, not in a figurative sense but in real dollars. And so Mr. Shufflin set out to build his own line and his own telephone company. He went to a bicycle repair shop for his practical



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help and found that J. E. Forsythe had done some experimental work with the telephone. Straightway these two determined men built the line to the Glade Mills oil field—and thereby started the independent telephone industry for Butler.

The line was operated with two crude hand-made sets of instruments, but it worked. The oil men in the field at once saw the advantage of quick communication with their base of supplies and, as Mr. Shufflin once said, "to say they were pleased was putting it mildly." The line soon became a paying proposition.

The success of the experimental line to the Glade Mills oil field interested local investors, and in August, 1895, the Peoples Telephone Company was organized as a partnership. The members were D. D. Buck, J. E. Forsythe, W. H. Larkin, W. J. McDowell, T. J. Shufflin, George Stamm, Daniel Younkens and John Younkens.

An exchange and offices were established in the fall of this year in the Kirkpatrick Building on West Jefferson Street. Switchboard equipment and plant were provided for 100 subscribers, which the organizers believed could be obtained ultimately under proper conditions, this being several times the number of telephones then operating in Butler. Subscriptions for service exceeding the 100 were received before the original plant was ready for service and additional switchboard and outside construction had to be provided at once.

The growth of the property was such that in 1898 the company was reorganized as the Peoples Telephone Company, Limited, with an authorized capital of \$50,000. At this time John Younkens was president, A. L. Reiber secretary, and T. J. Shufflin treasurer. In 1904 expansion made necessary another reorganization, when the company was incorporated as the Peoples Telephone Company of Butler, with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000.

Until this time the property was operated as a local service company furnishing service to Butler and the closely adjacent villages. However, in 1904 the company, in conjunction with the Pittsburgh & Allegheny Telephone Company, operating in Pittsburgh and vicinity, formed the Pittsburgh-Butler Telephone Company and built a toll line from Butler to Pittsburgh and established toll connections with the Pittsburgh & Allegheny Telephone Company at that place, and through this connection also received service to points beyond Pittsburgh. Toll connections with Kittanning, Oil City, Slippery

Rock, Emlenton and Rochester, in addition to the Pittsburgh toll connection, were established in 1905.

In 1905 the company purchased the I. O. O. F. Building at the corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets and installed common battery equipment in its Butler exchange. The elimination of the old magneto telephones which made cranking necessary when signalling the operator was well received by the people of Butler and vicinity.

In 1913 the Peoples Telephone Company acquired control of the Eau Claire Telephone Company, operating exchanges at Eau Claire, Parkers Landing and Wasson, in northern Butler County. In 1919 control of the Fenelton Independent Telephone Company and the Parker Telephone Company was obtained. In 1920 the Peoples Company purchased the Burton Telephone Company, operating at Renfrew, Pennsylvania.

In 1923 the Peoples Telephone Company, the Fenelton Independent Telephone Company, the Parker Telephone Company, and the Burton Telephone Company were merged. The resulting corporation took the name of the old Peoples Company, or the Peoples Telephone Company of Butler.

In 1923 public opinion in favor of telephone unification evidenced by Butler commercial and labor organizations and newspaper articles, led the Peoples Telephone Company to open negotiations with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania for the purchase of the Bell Company's property in Butler and Butler County. An agreement was reached making this purchase possible.

In the fall of 1924 the Peoples Company commenced building operations on their lot at 218 South Washington Street. A modern fire-resisting telephone building has been erected on this location housing new automatic telephone equipment.

Following the unification all local telephone service in Butler and vicinity is furnished by The Peoples Telephone Corporation, as the reorganized Peoples Telephone Company of Butler is known. Butler and Butler County has the distinction of being served by a corporation having 589 stockholders, over 90 per cent of whom are residents of Butler City or Butler County.

The Peoples Telephone Corporation operates exchanges at Butler,

Bruin, Chicora, Conoquenessing, Eau Claire, Evans City, Foxburg, Clarion County; Nixon, North Washington, Parkers Landing, Armstrong County; Prospect and West Sunbury.

The directors of The Peoples Telephone Corporation, elected in February, 1927, are: T. M. Baker, Arthur O. Black, H. W. F. Graham, F. A. W. Green, M. N. Heinzer, Frank A. McClung, Earl W. McGill, John H. Wright, and Daniel Younkins.

Arthur O. Black, general manager of The People's Telephone Corporation, Butler, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Connoquenessing, Butler County, May 27, 1892, the son of John H. and Willa (Raisley) Black.

John H. Black was born near Harrisville, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1860. He followed agriculture for several years and then became interested in the oil business. He operated in Bradford, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia, and is still active as an oil producer and contractor. Mrs. Black was born in Whitestown, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Black, who live in Butler, are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He is active in the ranks of the Democratic party, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. To Mr. and Mrs. Black ten children were born: (1) Arthur O., the subject of this sketch; (2) Harold R., a veteran of the World War, served in the U. S. Infantry as an instructor, resides in Connoquenessing, where he is a salesman for the McIntyre Motor Company; (3) Raymond R., World War veteran, served in France and in the Army of Occupation, U. S. Infantry, First Division, lives in Butler, where he is associated with the Davey Tree Surgery Company; (4) Caroline Jane, married LeRoy Eisler, city food inspector, lives at Butler; (5) John H., Jr., service department of Westinghouse Electric Company, Philadelphia; (6) Wendell, deceased, buried in White Oaks Spring Cemetery; (7) Willis A., assistant switchman, The Peoples Telephone Company; (8) child died in infancy; (9) Dean, deceased, buried in White Oak Spring Cemetery; and (10) James B., a student.

Arthur O. Black attended the public schools of Connoquenessing,

Pennsylvania, and Marietta, Ohio, and graduated from Butler High School in 1910. His first position was with the Peoples Telephone Company of Butler, as an apprentice trouble man. In 1912 he went with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania as central office man at Washington, Pennsylvania, was later transferred to the Hill Exchange, Pittsburgh, and was later made senior central office man at Grant Exchange, Pittsburgh. In July, 1913, he came to Butler and was made wire chief for the Peoples Telephone Company, where he remained until December, 1916, when he again joined the Bell Telephone Company in the General Engineering Department, Philadelphia, as engineering assistant. In June, 1918, Mr. Black was transferred to the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, of Washington, D. C., as engineer in charge of the War Department's private branch exchange. In December, 1918, he returned to Philadelphia for the company, and on May 1, 1919, he came to Butler as manager of plant and traffic for the Peoples Telephone Company. When the Peoples Telephone Corporation was formed on October 1, 1925, he was made general manager. Mr. Black has made it a rule to give his attention to the details of the management, thus obtaining a viewpoint that gives him a grasp on the larger responsibilities. He has attained a success which he well merits by virtue of these traits.

In 1912 Mr. Black was married to Miss Effie Lester, a daughter of James and Sarah Ann (Hobbs) Lester, natives of England, and now both deceased. Mrs. Black was born in Manchester, England. The family came to America and located at Crystal City, Missouri, where Mr. Lester was with a glass manufacturing company. He later removed to Butler, Pennsylvania, where he was in charge of the shipping department for the Standard Plate Glass Company. Mrs. Lester is buried in Crystal City, Missouri, and her husband is buried in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Black the following children have been born: Jane Anne, Sarah Minta, James Lester, Arthur Otis Jr., Gilbert James, and Carolyn Blanche.

Mr. Black is a member of the Board of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. He and his wife are active members of the United Presbyterian Church.

Joseph Charles Dengler. A forceful personality in the civic, fraternal and club life of Butler is Joseph Charles Dengler, who was born on May 2, 1887, at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, a son of John A. and Laura (Wilson) Dengler.

John A. Dengler was born near Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to the United States at the age of twenty years, settling at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he had a contract with the National Tube Company for bundling tubes. At the expiration of this contract in 1897, Mr. Dengler removed to Center Township, Butler County, and engaged in farming. In 1911 he went to California, and after a year's residence there, returned to Butler, Pennsylvania, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred March 4, 1920. He is buried in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. His wife, Laura Wilson Dengler, was a native of Butler County and now resides with her son, Joseph Charles, the only child of their union, and the subject of this sketch. John A. Dengler was a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, and Order of Forresters.

Joseph Charles Dengler attended the public schools of McKeesport and then entered the Pennsylvania College of Embalming, from which he graduated with the class of 1906. Following this theoretical preparation, his practical knowledge was acquired during seven years spent with Phillip Volk, funeral director of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Butler was the city chosen to begin his independent career, and in 1911, in partnership with George W. Amy, under the name of Amy & Dengler, he opened mortuary parlors in that locality. In 1914 Mr. Dengler took over the entire business and modernized it in every respect, introducing the motor driven ambulance into Butler County and also pioneering with Dengler's Funeral Home at 137 West Jefferson Street, which combines under one roof necessary facilities for equipment, operating room, display rooms, chapel, and accommodations for visitors and mourners. Mr. Dengler has the distinction of being the National Selected Mortician in Butler, by invitation.

In politics Mr. Dengler gives his support to the Republican party, under which he has served as coroner of Butler County since 1915, succeeding the late M. A. Berkimer. To this office he has been elected three times. Mr. Dengler is past president of the Western Pennsyl-

vania Funeral Directors' Association; third vice president and member of the Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors' Association; a director of the Guaranty Trust Company, the Community Savings & Loan Association, the Citizens Building & Loan Association, and a member of the Butler Board of Commerce. During the war he worked for the success of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives in his locality, giving his strength and time unreservedly to the service of his country. Fraternally, Mr. Dengler is widely connected, being affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, Kiwanis Club, of which he is the district trustee; Sterling Club, Butler Country Club, and the Keystone Athletic Club of Pittsburgh. He is also actively connected with the Young Men's Christian Association; Butler Lodge No. 272, Free and Accepted Masons; Butler Chapter No. 273, Royal Arch Masons; Lorraine Commandery No. 87, Knights Templar; Syria Caravan No. 14, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and past worthy patron, Order of the Eastern Star, No. 45, all of Butler, Pennsylvania; the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Consistory, Valley of New Castle, thirty-second degree; and a member of the Arab Patrol of Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In 1920 Mr. Dengler was married to Miss Gertrude Vance, daughter of James B. and Martha Jane (Allen) Vance. Mr. Vance was born at West Sunbury, Butler County, Pennsylvania, in 1855, and died at his home in Butler, Pennsylvania, on January 16, 1927. His father was David Vance, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and came to Butler at an early date, his trade being that of tailor. James B. Vance attended school until he was seventeen years of age, when he went to work in the oil fields, assisting in drilling the first oil wells in the Foxburg oil district. He was actively connected with this business in Pennsylvania and New York State, and was one of the most experienced men in his line in Butler County. Mr. Vance was also extensively engaged in the erection and sale of dwelling houses in the northern part of Butler. In 1877 he married Martha Jane Allen, to which union three children were born: Nina, married John J. Martin; Clarence Bert Vance; and Gertrude Vance Dengler. Mrs. Vance continues to reside in Butler.

Joseph M. Douthett, well known manager of the Keystone Grocery & Tea Company, 306 East Clay Street, Butler, is a native of Butler County. He was born near Brownsdale, June 15, 1885, a son of Joseph Alexander and Rachael (Dixon) Douthett.

Joseph Alexander Douthett, deceased, was born in Penn Township, Butler County, in August, 1842. He was engaged in agriculture and owned 150 acres of land, all of which was under cultivation. During the Civil War he served in Company A, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was a Republican, served as school director and was a trustee in the Presbyterian Church. He died September 2, 1905, and is buried in Brownsdale United Presbyterian Cemetery, Penn Township, Butler County. Joseph Alexander Douthett was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Douthett. He was one of the early settlers of Penn Township, where he purchased 1,000 acres of land. He is buried in Brownsville Cemetery. Rachael (Dixon) Douthett was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1843, a daughter of David and Nancy Dixon, both of whom were born in the north of Ireland. They came to the United States and settled in Pittsburgh, later removing to Butler County, where Mr. Dixon engaged in farming. Both he and his wife are buried in Brownsdale Cemetery. Mrs. Douthett married the second time to Louis M. Dean and they reside in Butler. To Joseph Alexander and Rachael (Dixon) Douthett five children were born: Agnes Jane and William Elmer, both deceased, are buried in Brownsdale Cemetery; Margaret Leticia, married Samuel D. Henderickson, an inspector with the Standard Steel Car Company, Butler; Joseph M., the subject of this sketch; David Carl, superintendent of construction and field superintendent of the Austin Construction Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Joseph M. Douthett was educated in the public schools of Penn Township, Penn High School, and Grove City College. He then engaged in teaching for five years, during which time he taught in Forward, Penn and Middlesex Townships, Butler County. He removed to Renfew, Pennsylvania, where he worked as clerk in the grocery store of Kirkpatrick Brothers. He came to Butler in 1913 and was an inspector for the Standard Steel Car Company. He resigned in May, 1926, when he accepted his present position.

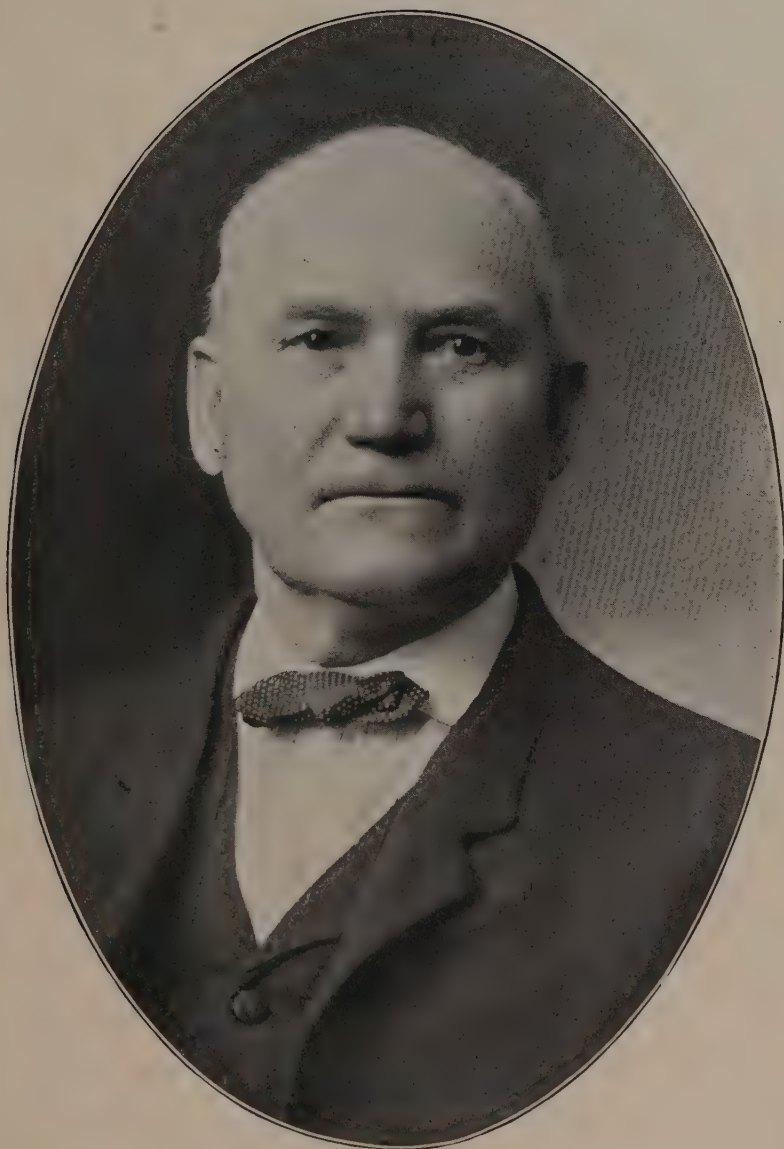
In 1906 Mr. Douthett was married to Ora Pearl Rowan, a daughter

of James M. and Ella (Puff) Rowan, natives of Middlesex Township, Butler County. Mr. Rowan taught music in the schools of Allegheny for thirty years, and is still teaching in the public schools of Butler County. He is an accomplished musician. His wife died January 31, 1926, and is buried in Middlesex Presbyterian Cemetery. Mr. Rowan lives in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Douthett three children have been born: Margaret Rosamond, deceased, is buried in Middlesex Cemetery; Marion Luella, a student in Butler High School; and Wilmer McClymonds, Junior High School.

Mr. Douthett and his family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as deacon. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, past banker and trustee; and Modern Woodmen of the World, past clerk. Politically he is a Republican.

Fred M. Harper, city engineer of Butler, Pennsylvania, represents an old and honored pioneer family of Butler County. He was born at North Washington, Butler County, September 24, 1877, the son of R. M. and Eliza Jane (Mechling) Harper.

R. M. Harper was born in Washington Township in 1830. He received a common school education. His parents having died while he was young, he went to live with his uncle, Samuel Jack, and learned the carpenter's trade. He was one of the original "Forty-Niners" who went to California during the gold rush. He remained there four years, returning in 1853. He then engaged in the cattle business, buying and selling, and driving them east of the mountains and to Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania, now East Brady, Pennsylvania. He was later engaged in the oil business at Parker, Pennsylvania, and followed the oil development through to Petrolia, Pennsylvania. Later he engaged in the general merchandise business in North Washington until 1882, when he turned his store over to his sons, J. H. and E. T. Harper, who established the business in Butler. The father retired from active business in 1882. He was married in 1854 to Eliza Jane Mechling, also born in Washington Township, Butler County, in 1834, and died in 1917. He died in 1911, and they are both buried in North Cemetery, Butler. Mr. Harper was a Republican and a member of



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the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Harper ten children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Alwilda Harper, lives in Butler; J. H., general merchant, died in 1916, and is buried in North Cemetery; Agnes, married E. H. Anderson. He is deceased and she lives at Crafton, Pennsylvania; E. T., died in 1883; Josephine, died in 1923; George, deceased; Jessie, married J. L. McCartney, district manager for Pratt & Whitney Company, Crafton, Pennsylvania; and Fred M., the subject of this sketch.

R. M. Harper was the son of Thomas and Nancy Harper, also natives of Washington Township, Butler County, where he was engaged in farming. Eliza Jane Mechling was the daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Dickson) Mechling, natives of Concord Township, Butler County.

Fred M. Harper attended the public schools of North Washington, and graduated from Butler High School, and from Allegheny College in 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After leaving college he was employed by White & Wimer, engineers, and the United Traction Company. In 1902 he came to Butler and was with the engineering crew which built the Standard Steel Car Company plant. In November, 1902, he went with the Butler Passenger Railway Company, building extensions, surveying a preliminary road to Pittsburgh, which plan was later abandoned. In March, 1903, he was appointed boro engineer for Butler Boro, and continued in that position until November, 1905, when he returned to the Standard Steel Car Company, working on the extension of their main buildings, being field engineer in charge. In 1906 he was in charge of building the Butler Bolt Works and Butler Car Foundry, and in 1907 built the Butler Forged Steel Wheel Company. In the fall of 1909 Mr. Harper started the building of the Forged Steel Wheel Open Hearth. In the spring of 1913 he entered private practice as an engineer and contractor. In 1914 he started the East Wayne Street viaduct, which was finished in 1915. In 1916 he built an addition to the Standard Plate Glass Company, and in 1918 built the cooperage shop of the Valvaline Oil Works. In 1918 he was appointed superintendent of this district of the State Highway Department and county engineer. In June, 1921, he was appointed city engineer, which position he now holds.

In 1903 Mr. Harper was married to Miss Catherine Boos, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Walters) Boos.

Jacob Boos, deceased, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, October 21, 1835, a son of Charles and Barbara (Eich) Boos. His father was a blacksmith by trade and served as a soldier in the German army. He died in 1880. Jacob Boos learned the blacksmith's trade in Germany and emigrated to the United States in 1853, and settled at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On September 12, 1854, he removed to Butler, where he was employed by Walter & Reiber. In 1857 he engaged in business for himself. In 1860 he purchased the George Egner farm in Butler Township and farmed for ten years. In 1870 he bought the interest of George Webber in the firm of Webber and Troutman, the firm being then Troutman & Boos. He was interested in this business until 1890. In 1881 he engaged in the grocery business, corner of Main and Wayne Streets, and in 1889 purchased the site and erected a modern building. He died June 4, 1904. He was married in 1856 to Miss Barbara Walter, a daughter of Jacob Walter, a native of Germany, and early settler of Butler County, engaged in the milling business. Barbara Walter was born in Butler, December 29, 1839, and died in 1915. To Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Harper the following children have been born: Barbara Jane, a student at Allegheny College; Fred M., Jr., student at Butler High School; John, a high school student; and Kitty Louise, a student. One child died in infancy.

Mr. Harper is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Y. M. C. A., and Boy Scouts, serving on the official board. Fraternally he is affiliated with Butler Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 272; Butler Chapter, R. A. M., No. 273; Lorain Commandery, K. T., No. 87; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh; and Syria Caravan, No. 14, Butler, A. A. O. N. M. S.

James Bartley came to this country with his parents from Ireland in 1803 and settled on a tract of land in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, being in the service nine months. Returning from the war, he moved to a farm in Middlesex Township, Butler County, living there the remainder of his life.

There were born to him and his wife, Margaret, twelve children: William, John, Thomas, James, Robert, Joseph, Campbell, David, Dixon, Williamson, Mary and Washington. These all grew to maturity on their father's farm in Middlesex Township.

Williamson Bartley, son of James and Margaret Bartley, was born in Middlesex Township, April 15, 1822. He received his education in the township schools. He remained on his father's farm until 1846. In that year he married Elizabeth Pearce, a daughter of Thomas Pearce, one of the early settlers of Butler County. In 1847 he and his wife moved to a tract of uncleared land in Penn Township, built their log cabin and there began to make a home for themselves. In this they succeeded, remaining on the same farm until the time of their deaths. To them were born eight children: Annalena, wife of R. A. Patterson; Margaret E., who died in infancy; Ellen E., wife of W. J. Burton; Mary M., wife of D. B. Dodds; James T., who grew to manhood on his father's farm, taught in the county schools for a number of years, and was killed in an accident August 23, 1883, in his twenty-ninth year; Martha J., wife of T. H. Burton; Sarah Catherine, wife of W. G. Douthett; and W. Elmer Bartley. Mr. and Mrs. Bartley were members of the Shiloh United Presbyterian Church and Mr. Bartley served as ruling elder in that congregation. During the Civil War Mr. Bartley served in the Union Army as a member of Company E, Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers. Mr. Bartley was quite active in township and county affairs. He was a Republican in politics and served as justice of the peace for a number of years. He died June 12, 1891, his wife preceding him four years, having died March 21, 1887.

W. Elmer Bartley was born in Penn Township, Butler County, January 21, 1862, son of Williamson and Elizabeth (Pearce) Bartley.

He attended the public schools of Penn Township, Witherspoon Institute at Butler and Grove City College. Afterwards he taught for a number of years in the schools of the county.

On June 12, 1890, Mr. Bartley married Jennie S. Graham, a daughter of Wilson W. and Clara (Shrader) Graham. He purchased the old Bartley homestead and became a successful farmer and oil operator and still continued these pursuits after moving to Butler some years ago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bartley were born three daughters. Clara Elizabeth is a graduate of Butler High School and Westminster College. She has taught six years in the Senior High School at Butler. Mary Frances, the second daughter, died October 11, 1918. Martha Edna, a graduate of Butler High School, also attended Westminster College.

Mr. Bartley has always taken an active interest in public affairs, having served for a number of years as school director and secretary of the board in his home township. After moving to Butler, he served on the official board of the Y. M. C. A. as director for six years, being a director when the present Y. M. C. A. building was erected. He is a member of the Butler Board of Commerce and is also identified with some of the leading enterprises of his city.

Mr. Bartley, his wife and two daughters are members of the First United Presbyterian Church, Butler. He has been a ruling elder in that church since 1910 and served as clerk of session for fifteen years.

In 1924 he was elected on the Republican ticket one of the representatives from Butler County to the State Legislature and served in the regular session of 1925 and the special session of 1926, called by Governor Pinchot. He was re-elected in the fall of 1926 and served in the session of 1927.

Paul G. Fair, manager of The Inn Service Station at Butler, was born in this city, March 16, 1898, the son of Harry W. and Josephine (Brower) Fair.

Harry W. Fair was born in Butler County, the son of Harvey Fair, an early settler of the county, now deceased. Harry W. Fair was employed for eighteen years at Kramer Brothers Livery Stables in Butler, having charge of their barns. He then located with the J. G. & W. Campbell Hardware Company as a clerk and remained with them for fourteen years. At the present time he is with John Campbell. He is a Republican and a member of Bethany Reformed Church. His wife, Josephine (Brower) Fair, was born in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Nathan and Josephine Brower, residents of Mt. Chestnut, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Brower was engaged in farming. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brower are deceased and are buried

in Prospect, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Fair seven children have been born: Paul G., the subject of this sketch; Julian H., with the Valvaline Oil Company, Butler; Audley, Ford City, Pennsylvania, manager of Murphy's Five and Ten Cent Store, is a veteran of the World War; Clinton, Butler; Erla, at home; Wilbert, a student; and Josephine, a student.

Paul G. Fair attended the public schools and was graduated from Butler High School. He worked at various jobs for a time. He was with the W. H. Goehring Company of Butler as a truck driver, and with the Forged Steel Wheel Company for two years, after which he was employed on a farm for two years. In September, 1925, he became manager of the Inn Service Station.

In 1916 Mr. Fair was married to Miss Loretta Kemper, a daughter of Edward M. and Theresa (Geibel) Kemper, natives of Butler County, now residents of Butler. Mr. Kemper is with the Standard Steel Car Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Fair two children have been born: Gifford, a student; and Ruth Marie.

In politics Mr. Fair is a Republican. He is well known in Butler and has many friends.

George W. Hazlett, well known real estate and insurance man of Butler, where he is actively engaged in business, is a native of Butler County. He was born in Forward Township, Butler County, August 18, 1874, the son of Leslie P. and Barbara (Ziegler) Hazlett.

Leslie P. Hazlett was the son of James and Margaret Hazlett, natives of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, who later removed to Butler County. James Hazlett was a tanner by trade and later engaged in farming in Forward Township, Butler County, having come here in an early day. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in White Oak Springs Cemetery. Leslie P. Hazlett was born near Tarentum, Allegheny County, August 15, 1843. He purchased 175 acres of land adjoining his father's farm and later purchased the old homestead. He was an oil operator for some time and in 1895 came to Butler, Pennsylvania, and established the firm of Hazlett & McCullough, real estate and insurance. He continued in this business

until 1913, when he retired. He died July 25, 1918. He was president of the Butler County National Bank, and served as school director in the township for twenty-two years. He was justice of the peace for five years. His fraternal affiliations were with Butler Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 272; Butler Chapter, R. A. M., No. 273; Mount Calvary Commandery, K. T., Greenville, Pennsylvania; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 170. He was married in 1870 to Barbara Ziegler, a daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth Ziegler, of Harmony, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hazlett died December 15, 1887, and both she and her husband are buried in White Oaks Cemetery, Connoquenessing Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Hazlett five children were born: Letitia, deceased, was the wife of C. D. Henshaw, Butler; George W., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, married G. W. Kline, an architect, reside at Fort Pierce, Florida; Frank, deceased, buried at Parker, Pennsylvania; and Margaret, married Charles A. Ensminger, both are deceased, and are buried in South Side Cemetery, Butler.

George W. Hazlett attended the public schools of Forward Township, Butler County, and Grove City College. His first employment was with the Butler County National Bank as clerk. He was promoted to bookkeeper and resigned in 1913, to take over his father's interests in the real estate and insurance business. He conducted this business with Mr. McCullough as a partner until 1925, when he bought out Mr. McCullough's interest, and now conducts the business under his own name. His offices are located in the Butler County National Bank Building, Main and Diamond Streets. This business is among the oldest concerns of its kind in the city, and Mr. Hazlett has every intention of making it also the most alive one. He has everything in his favor for a great success, and there is no doubt but that he will attain it.

In 1913 Mr. Hazlett was married to Miss Gertrude Kauffman, a daughter of D. F. and Martha (Altman) Kauffman, natives of Butler, where Mr. Kauffman was an oil well driller. They reside at Sarver Station, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett have a daughter, Martha Jane, a student in the Butler High School.

Mr. Hazlett is a member of the Sterling Club, Butler Country Club, Rotary Club, and Butler Board of Commerce. His fraternal affiliations are with Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M., past master, 1908; is past high priest of Butler Chapter, R. A. M., No. 273; Allegheny Council, R. S. M. M., No. 38, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; is past commander of Lorain Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 87; and division commander of District 6, which includes Sharon, New Castle, Greenville, Beaver Falls, and Butler, Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Consistory, thirty-second degree, Valley of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; A. A. S. R.; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh; Syria Caravan No. 14, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and past treasurer of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 170. Mr. Hazlett is a Republican and a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church of Butler.

Edward W. Jones, the efficient and well known cashier of the Baltimore & Ohio, and Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroads, was born in Clawdd, Wales, January 2, 1884. His parents were David M. and Mary E. (Evans) Jones.

David M. Jones, deceased, was born in Wales, February 14, 1841. His wife, Mary E. (Evans) Jones, also a native of Wales, was born August 14, 1855. He began life as clerk in a grocery store and later became the proprietor of one in his native land. In 1888 Mr. Jones came to the United States and settled in Pittsburgh, where he opened a grocery store. His wife and family joined him in Pittsburgh in 1890. Mr. Jones was very successful in his business and was the owner of a chain of grocery stores at the time of his death. He died in 1914 and is buried in Smithfield Cemetery, Pittsburgh. His widow resides in Pittsburgh. Mr. Jones was a Republican in politics and a member of the Episcopal Church. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and St. David's Society. To David and Mary E. (Evans) Jones eight children were born: Olive, deceased, was the wife of Lewis Bier. He is superintendent of the Fitzsimmon Building, Pittsburgh. Mrs. Bier is buried in Zimmerman Cemetery, Pittsburgh; Thomas, deceased; David Gladstone and John Stanley, twins, both deceased, and both buried in Smithfield Cemetery, Pittsburgh;

Edward W., the subject of this sketch; Alice, married Alexander Clydesdale, an electrician, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Jessie is married and lives in Chicago; and Edith, married Clarence Livingstone, Pittsburgh.

Edward W. Jones was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and Fifth Avenue High School. After leaving school he went with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company at Pittsburgh as a clerk. He was later made assistant cashier. On January 1, 1912, he was transferred to Butler, Pennsylvania, as cashier and he assumed the work for the two railroads.

In 1904 Mr. Jones was married to Miss Louise M. Bier, a daughter of Lewis and Matilda (Miller) Bier. He was an agriculturist and owned the farm where Shenley Park, Pittsburgh, is now located. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Zimmerman Cemetery, Pittsburgh. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born five children: Louisa Olive, at home; Amanda Caroline, Edna, and Edward George, all students; and William Charles.

In politics Mr. Jones is a Republican. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, No. 211; Knights of Krassin, D. O. K. K., and Protective Home Circle. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Second Presbyterian Church. He is an energetic and progressive man and is well known in Butler, where he has many friends.

F. J. Keck, who is successfully engaged in the automobile business in Butler as agent for the Franklin and Auburn automobiles, is a native of this county. He was born May 1, 1891, and is the son of Henry and Christina (Redick) Keck.

Henry Keck, who lives retired in Butler, has spent his entire life in this section. During his active career he engaged extensively in farming and stock raising and met with success. His wife, also a native of Butler County, died in 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Keck had the following children: Charles, lives in Butler; Minnie, married Frank Tebery, lives in Butler; Bertha, married Howard Cain, lives in Pittsburgh; Amelia, is wife of Lewis Fredrick, lives in Butler; Philip, lives in Butler; Lillian, wife of George Kellerman, Butler, Pennsylv-



JOE KECK'S GARAGE, 128 WEST MIFFLIN STREET, BUTLER, PA.

vania; F. J., the subject of this sketch; Herman, Butler, Pennsylvania; and Oliver, lives in Butler.

F. J. Keck attended the public schools and at an early age entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He later went to Detroit, Michigan, and for several years was employed by the Packard Motor Company. Upon his return to Butler he went with the General Electric Company, and in 1910 established his present business, which is located at 128 Mifflin Street. Mr. Keck also conducts a first-class repair shop and carries a complete line of automobile accessories, tires and tubes.

Mr. Keck married Miss Elma Shearer. She was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Sarber) Shearer. Mrs. Shearer died October 24, 1918. They have three children: Reynold, Margaret, and Janet.

Mr. Keck is a member of the Lutheran Church and belongs to several lodges and orders.

Marshall Addison Berkimer. For more than three decades the name of Berkimer has stood out prominently among the professional men of Butler County, particularly among those following the profession of funeral director. Marshall Addison Berkimer, for more than thirty years a leader in that profession in the county, had also served his constituency as coroner and sheriff. He was a most exemplary citizen, and through the sympathetic ministrations of his professional duties he numbered his friends by the hundred throughout the region within the influence of the town of Butler. Born in Rochester, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1859, Marshall Addison Berkimer was the son of George H. and Anna M. (Reno) Berkimer, natives of Pennsylvania. His father was a traveling salesman.

Marshall A. Berkimer embraced the advantages of a common school education in the public institutions of Rochester, his native place, and then, having determined on following the profession of funeral director, he studied embalming under competent instructors at Pittsburgh. When still a young man he established his first undertaking parlors, in 1893, at No. 345 Main Street, Borough of Butler.

He occupied those quarters until 1923, when he removed to the establishment's present location at No. 416 South Main Street. Here there is a modern funeral home and display parlors, with every piece of equipment and appurtenance such as are the vogue in an up-to-date establishment of the kind. Within the funeral home there is a chapel, and in connection with the service motor ambulances are operated. The Berkimer establishment is one of the largest, if not the largest, of its kind in Butler County. Its founder became one of the most prominent and influential men in his borough and county. He served as coroner for one term, 1915, and it was during that year that the sheriff of the county died, Mr. Berkimer thus automatically becoming acting sheriff until a new sheriff was formally elected to the office. Meanwhile he gave close attention to his undertaking business, and the number of funeral directors in this section he saw increase to full 600. When Mr. Berkimer died, January 1, 1924, he was one of the oldest members of the profession in this part of the state. Mr. Berkimer was a member of the Order of Maccabees, the Woodmen of the World, and the Protected Home Circle. His religious connections were with the Second Presbyterian Church of Butler.

Mr. Berkimer married, February 3, 1887, Mary J. Clark, daughter of Rev. James A. and Margaret (Scott) Clark. They were the parents of six children: George Walter; Helen, married J. E. Brown, and lives at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania; Marshall A., Jr., who is the successor of his father in the undertaking establishment; Janice M.; Anna M., deceased; and Miriam E., who is a student in the Butler High School.

William H. Larkin, Sr., deceased, was for many years one of the representative business men of Butler. He was born at Portage, New York, June 23, 1853, a son of Michael and Mary (Casey) Larkin.

William H. Larkin received a common school education and was sent to New York by his father and became a messenger, carrying gold leaf. He worked for a time in Albany, New York, and Erie, Pennsylvania, where he worked in a sawmill as a mechanic. He then learned the machinist trade at Titusville, Pennsylvania, and in 1876 removed to Petrolia, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a machinist

for Ireland & Hughes. In 1878 he went to Chicora, Pennsylvania, and with a Mr. D  le opened a machine shop. In 1885 he removed to Butler and purchased the Hayes Brothers Machine Shop, and formed a partnership with a Mr. Warhus and a Mr. Fiegle. He later purchased the interests of his partners and conducted the business alone. He shipped tools all over the world and was widely known from coast to coast. He was one of the original stockholders of the Butler County National Bank, and a director for many years. He was also interested in the Farmers National Bank of Butler, the Guaranty Trust Company, and in Butler County and other oil fields, in which he was a successful operator. He died March 7, 1923. He was married to Ellen F. Cook, who died April 20, 1925, and the remains of both are buried in North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania. They were devout members of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and Mr. Larkin belonged to the Benevolent Order of Elks. To Mr. and Mrs. Larkin the following children were born: Frank, an oil producer, lives in Bartlettville, Oklahoma; Mary E., married John Thoma, Butler; John, a manufacturer of oil well supplies, lives in St. Louis, Missouri; William H., Jr., a complete sketch of whom appears below; Charles L., oil producer, Bartlettville, Oklahoma; Nell, married John McQuillaen, president of the Universal Packing Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Pauline, married M. J. O'Brien, president of the M. J. O'Brien Steam Shovel Company, Pittsburgh; and Olive, married James H. Graham, oil producer, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

W. H. Larkin, Jr., was born in Butler County, November 24, 1882. His father, William Henry Larkin, was one of the outstanding figures among the citizenry and in the business life of this section of Pennsylvania. He attended the grade schools of his native county, was graduated from Butler High School in 1900, attended Washington and Jefferson College, and was graduated from Lehigh University in the class of 1905 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. After he received his diploma at Lehigh, he entered the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company, remaining in that connection for a short time. His next move was to become associated with his father in the latter's establishment, the Larkin Company. Having proved his worth in the conduct of his duties in subordinate positions in the establishment owned by his late father, and under whose direction the son had meas-

ured up to the opportunities for advancement, it was not a strange thing that W. H. Larkin's father, upon the decease of the latter, bequeathed the business to his son and heir. One of the keynotes of the success that has attended W. H. Larkin's career as a business man at Butler is his successful emulation of his father's excellent qualities. The elder Mr. Larkin was a fine type of citizen and a business man of rare attainments. The Larkin Company, whose fortunes are now directed by the younger Larkin, is among the firmly established houses in the business community of the thriving town of Butler, and the good-will of the concern is drawn from a wide area of the country into which its products are distributed. To the interests of this concern the son has given of the best that he has for its still further development in volume of business and in the favor with which it has been received by the public. Since he came into control of the concern through his father's will, W. H. Larkin has continued as its directing head.

Mr. Larkin is vice-president and a director of the South Side National Bank of Butler. He is a Democrat in his politics. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers' Association and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs are the Country and Sterling of Butler, and the University Club of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree, Butler Council, and is past president of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is a member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church at Butler.

George B. Davidson, well known druggist of Butler, Pennsylvania, where he is owner of the Davidson Drug Store, 600 Brady Street, is a man who has achieved success in his chosen profession. He was born in this city, March 5, 1894, a son of Archie W. and Tillie B. (Gilchrist) Davidson.

Archie W. Davidson was born in Slippery Rock Township, Butler County, in 1865. He was reared on the old homestead and received an excellent education. When he was twenty-one years of age he came to Butler, Pennsylvania, and worked in the oil fields, then clerked in the grocery store of Peter Mangold, and later opened a grocery

store of his own at 354 East Jefferson Street, which he conducted for several years. He died in March, 1917, and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. He was a Republican and in 1906 was elected boro tax collector. He served as school director of the Second Ward and as city treasurer. At the time of his death he was engaged in the oil production business. He was a Mason and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 170; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Mystic Circle. On May 17, 1893, he was married to Tillie D. Gilchrist, and to them the following children were born: George B., the subject of this sketch; Wallace A., served in France during the World War in Company A, First Engineers, First Division, lives in Butler; Ira F., trucking business, Freeport, Pennsylvania; John E. and Thomas D., both students.

Archie W. Davidson was the son of Isaac A. and Analiza Davidson. Isaac A. Davidson was born in 1826 at Slipper Rock Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania. He died in May, 1905.

George B. Davidson was graduated from Butler High School in 1913, and from the University of Pittsburgh in 1917 with the degree of Ph. G. Upon leaving college he was employed as a druggist for the S. G. Purvis Pharmacy, when the United States entered the World War. He enlisted in the U. S. Army and was sent to Camp Forest, Georgia, where he received his training. He was then sent to France as a casual and entered a training school there, where he remained about one year. He was assigned to Company C, One Hundred and Fourth Engineers, Twenty-ninth Division. He received his discharge in May, 1919, and returned to Butler, where he was a druggist for the Garrard Pharmacy and later with the Reed Pharmacy. In May, 1924, he established his present business, and is meeting with well deserved success. His store, which is modern in every respect, is located at 600 Brady Street.

In 1918 Mr. Davidson was married to Miss Salome A. Shaffer, a daughter of Anthony and Ella (Smith) Shaffer, residents of Butler, where Mr. Shaffer is connected with the Standard Steel Car Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Davidson four children have been born: George B., Jr., a student; Richard Dale, Evelyn Lucille, and William Roland.

Mr. Davidson is a Republican and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the American Legion, Veterans of For-

eign Wars, and the Butler County Retail Druggists' Association, and Kappa Psi fraternity. Mr. Davidson is a young man of vision, energy and ambition, and an asset to his community.

J. Emory Franklin, D. D. S. One of the prominent and successful young dentists of Butler is Dr. J. Emory Franklin. He was born in this city, March 23, 1891, the son of Joseph E. and Anna (Gardner) Franklin.

Joseph E. Franklin was born near Penn Station, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools of the county and then learned the machinist's trade. For a time he was interested in railroading and was fireman and later an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. In 1886 he came to Butler and established the Franklin Company, Ltd., makers of oil well supplies. He is now living retired in Butler. He is a Republican, a member of the English Lutheran Church, and the Tarentum Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. His wife, Anna Gardner Franklin, was born in Freeport, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Henry and Perinna (VanDyke) Gardner. Mr. Gardner was an agriculturist. He is deceased and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. Mrs. Gardner resides in Butler. To Joseph E. and Anna (Gardner) Franklin two children were born: Alice, married Stanley Rieber, credit manager for Leedom & Worrell Company, Butler, and they have four children: Alvin, Anna Catherine, Robert, and Dorothy; and J. Emory, the subject of this sketch.

J. Emory Franklin was educated in the public and high schools of Butler, and in the University of Pittsburgh, College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1911 with the degree of Ph. G. He then returned to Butler and opened a drug store on Main and North Streets. In 1915 he sold this store to Doctor Keeler and entered the University of Pittsburgh College of Dentistry, from which he was graduated in 1918 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. His license having been granted him, he returned to Butler and set up in the practice of his profession and he has been in practice ever since, meeting with success.

On April 20, 1916, Doctor Franklin was married to Miss Alice Gertrude Emerick, a daughter of William and Jennie (Crinkshank) Emerick. Mr. Emerick, who is in the contracting business at Butler, was born in Butler County, and his wife was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

Doctor Franklin is a Republican, and he belongs to the Butler County Dental Society, Lake Erie Dental Society, Penn State Dental Society, and the American Dental Association. He is a member of Kappa Psi, of which he is historian, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon honorary fraternity, of which he was class historian in 1918. He also belongs to the Bellfield Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 680, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; the Butler Chapter, R. A. M., No. 273; Lorain Commandery, K. T., No. 87; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburgh; and Syria Caravan No. 14, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Butler. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Samuel M. Clark is a substantial citizen and enterprising merchant of Karns City, where he is proprietor of the Clark Company. He was born at Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1871, and is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Charles) Clark.

Joseph Clark was born in Staffordshire, England, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Clark. Thomas Clark spent his entire life in England but his wife came to the United States, and lived at Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania, for many years. Their son, Joseph, followed mining and in 1872 removed to Karns City, where he owned and operated a coal mine until 1882, when he retired. He and his wife are both deceased and are buried at Bradys Bend. Mr. Clark was a Republican and held membership in the Episcopal Church. To Joseph and Elizabeth (Charles) Clark ten children were born, as follows: Frederick Thomas, lives at Karns City, Pennsylvania; John Henry, deceased; Mary Jane, married Thomas Taggart, lives at Cleveland, Ohio; Harriet, lives at Karns City; Joseph W., lives at Shippensburg, Pennsylvania; Samuel M., the subject of this sketch; George, deceased; Edmond A., deceased; Jerome V., lives at Karns City, Pennsylvania; and David H., deceased.

Samuel M. Clark spent his boyhood at Karns City and received his education in the public schools. He worked in the mines for about fifteen years and then went with the Producers Oil Company. Later he founded the Samuel M. Clark Store and after several years sold that business and organized the Karns City Supply Company. For a number of years he has conducted a general mercantile business at Karns City, and has been unusually successful in his enterprise.

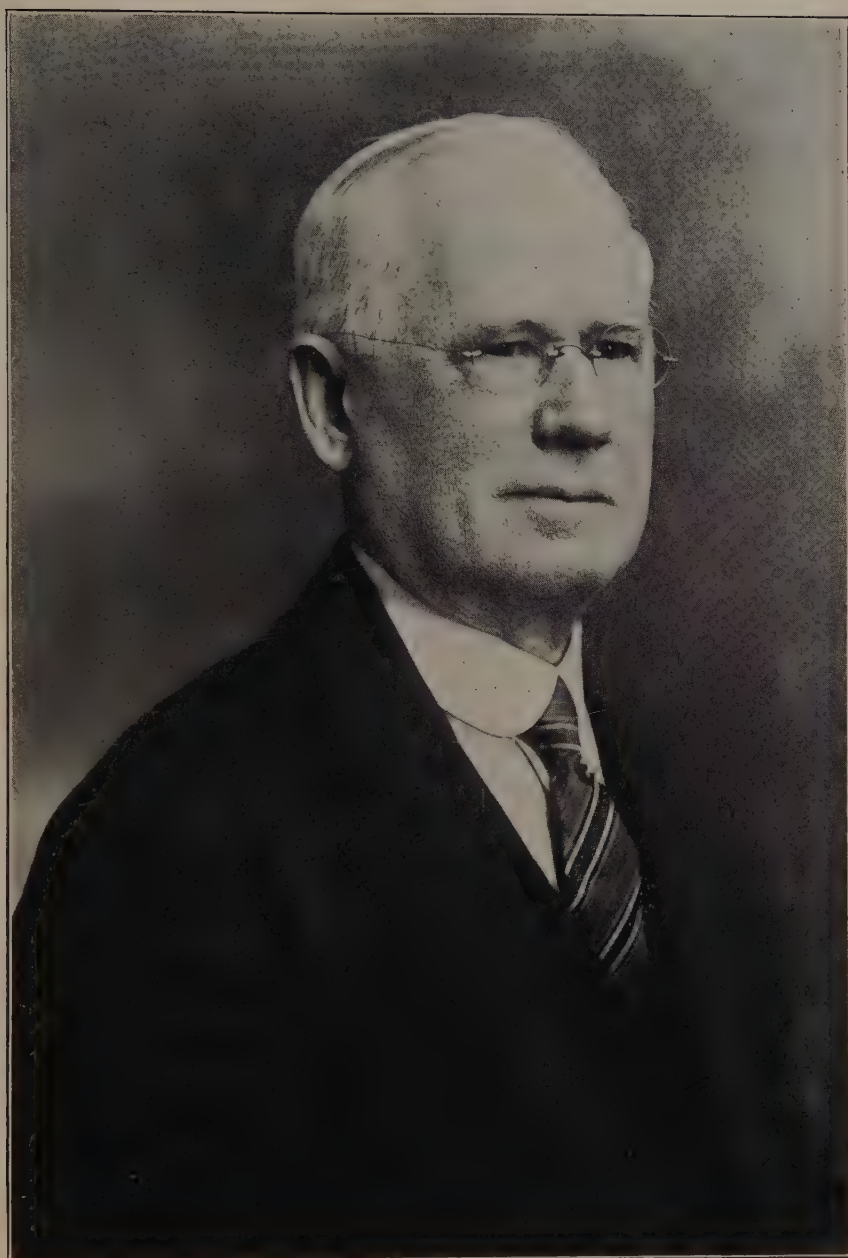
In politics, Mr. Clark is identified with the Republican party and he has served as president of the city council for six years and as a member of that body for the past ten years. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

Louis B. Stein. Ranking high among the leading bankers of Butler County is Louis B. Stein, who is secretary and treasurer of the Butler Savings & Trust Company of Butler. He was born in this city, December 28, 1855, and is the son of Louis and Matilda (Dieker) Stein.

Louis B. Stein was educated in the public schools of Butler and also attended Witherspoon Academy. He began his business career as a bookkeeper for the Joseph Horne Company of Pittsburgh, one of the largest department stores in that city. After three years he returned to Butler and became associated with his father's business; with which he was identified until February 13, 1885, at which time he entered the employ of the Butler Savings Bank, serving first as a clerk, later as a teller, and then as cashier. At the time the bank was reorganized as the Butler Savings & Trust Company, Mr. Stein was elected secretary and treasurer. Mr. Stein is the oldest banker in point of service in Butler County, Pennsylvania.

In 1885 Mr. Stein was united in marriage with Miss Julia Weisner, of Butler, the daughter of Phillip and Mary (Knause) Weisner. They have two children: Laura M., married F. T. Roessing; and Edna Mary.

Mr. Stein is a Republican, a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Sterling Club, Butler Country Club, and



LOUIS B. STEIN

the Butler Board of Commerce. He was a member of the board of directors of the Butler County General Hospital, and has always been one of the city's most public-spirited and excellent citizens. During the World War he was active in all Liberty Loan drives and charitable organizations. Mr. Stein has been identified with the city's business life for more than forty-two years and is well liked by his many business associates and friends.

James E. Dietrich is a veteran of the World War and a well known young man of Butler, where he is assistant manager of the Capitol Theatre. He was born in Butler, March 26, 1898, a son of Martin and Etta (Hamel) Dietrich.

Martin Dietrich was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1857. His father, Samuel Dietrich, was a Civil War veteran. He is deceased and is buried in Pittsburgh. Martin Dietrich attended the public schools and began life working for the Hubbard Shovel Works at Pittsburgh. He worked through the various positions and was made general manager. In 1891 he resigned this position and removed to Butler, where he became associated with the Standard Glass Company. He has now been with this company for thirty-five years. He is a Republican and a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Sons of Veterans. His wife, Etta (Hamel) Dietrich, was born near Brownsdale, Penn Township, Butler County. Her parents were James Ernest and Nancy (Brown) Hamel, early pioneers of Butler County, where Mr. Hamel was a farmer and stock raiser, and owned 125 acres of land. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hamel are deceased and are buried at Brownsdale, Pennsylvania. To Martin and Etta (Hamel) Dietrich six children were born: (1) Edna, married John F. McElvain, had one child, Geraldine. Mrs. McElvain is deceased and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Butler. He lives at Butler; (2) Martin Carl, a veteran of the World War, served in Company L, One Hundred and Twelfth Regiment, Twenty-eighth Division, was wounded in action at Chateau Thierry and permanently disabled, lives at home. He is a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. (3) James E., the subject of this sketch; (4) Eugene, assist-

ant cashier First National Bank, at Spangler, Pennsylvania, also a veteran of the World War, served as supply sergeant Fox Hill Hospitals, U. S. Medical Corps. (5) Magdaline, a student nurse, Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh. (6) Genevieve, a student.

James E. Dietrich attended the public schools and Butler High School. He was employed by the Standard Steel Company, and later was with Colgate & Company as salesman and advertising man. His territory comprised Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio, with headquarters at Pittsburgh. He later came to Butler and was night manager for Edyth's Restaurant, and then was manager of the soda fountain and luncheonette of the Main Drug Store. In September, 1926, he accepted his present position.

During the World War Mr. Dietrich enlisted in May 13, 1918, and was assigned to the coast artillery at Fort Adams, Newport, Rhode Island. He later was sent overseas and served for eight months in France on the Champagne sector. He received his discharge February 9, 1919, from the U. S. Regular Army as a sergeant. This was a coast artillery outfit in the United States, but in France was railroad artillery.

Mr. Dietrich was married in 1922 to Dora Alma Brown, a daughter of Judson and Dora Brown. Mr. Brown was born near Karns City, Pennsylvania, and his wife at Gibsonburg, Ohio. He is with the Pure Oil Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and lives in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich two daughters have been born: Betty Ceil, and Edna LeVonne. The family home is at 319½ North Washington Street.

Mr. Dietrich is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, Young men's Christian Association, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Carlton H. Barnard, a prominent business man of Butler, Pennsylvania, was born in Windsor, Ashtabula County, Ohio, December 18, 1862, the son of Francis and Jane (Higley) Barnard.

Francis Barnard, deceased, was born in Windsor, Ohio, September 29, 1834, the son of Francis and Elizabeth (Keneippe) Barnard. Francis Barnard was born in 1785 in Vermont, and died September 9, 1873. His wife, Elizabeth Keneippe, was born June 13, 1800, and

died August 11, 1862. The remains of both are buried in Windsor, Ohio. He was an early pioneer of Ashtabula County and followed agriculture. Their son, Francis Barnard, was reared on his father's farm. He enlisted during the Civil War on August 9, 1862, in Company K, One Hundred and Fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded and after leaving the hospital was discharged on May 27, 1863. Upon his return to civil life he followed farming until 1874, when he retired. He was a Republican and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He died May 15, 1912, and is buried at the Soldiers' Home, Sandusky, Ohio.

Jane (Higley) Barnard was born in Windsor, Ohio, July 15, 1839, and died March 9, 1873, and is buried in Windsor, Ohio. She was the daughter of Hon. Jonathan 3rd and Martha (Kinney-Lewis) Higley. He was born in East Ganberry, Connecticut, March 17, 1781, and removed to Windsor, Ohio, October 20, 1804, where he followed agriculture. His marriage in 1806 was the first marriage ceremony to be performed in Windsor Township. He died August 13, 1866, and is buried in Windsor, Ohio. He was the son of Esquire Jonathan, Sr., and Rachel (Negus) Higley. She died August 14, 1816, and her husband died in May, 1817. Both are buried in Windsor, Ohio. He was elected to the Ohio Legislature in 1829. The Higley family were of English descent. John Higley was the first of the family to come to America. He ran away from home, boarded a trading vessel and came to the United States in 1604, and settled in Connecticut. His father apprenticed him to a trade, but not liking that vocation he ran away. The Higeys have served with distinction in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, and the World War. To Francis and Jane (Higley) Barnard six children were born: Elva, born March 27, 1859, married J. D. Jones. He died in March, 1926, and she resides in Oakland, Cal.; Elverton A., born March 4, 1861, lives retired at Dayton, Ohio; Carlton H., the subject of this sketch; Margaret E., born April 28, 1865, married William Adams. He is deceased and is buried at Windsor, Ohio. She lives at Painesville, Ohio; Fayette B., born August 7, 1867, died March 6, 1924, buried at Canton, Ohio; and Emma L., born July 15, 1869, died June 28, 1926, buried at Chardon, Ohio. She married John Pierce, who now lives retired at Chardon.

Carlton H. Barnard was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Windsor Township, Ashtabula County. After his mother's death he lived with the family of Mr. McIntosh until he was twenty-one years of age. He then went to Youngstown, Ohio, and worked for Dalzell Brothers, where he learned the slate roofing trade, at which he worked for three years. In 1899 he came to Butler, Pennsylvania, and engaged in the slate contract roofing business, which he followed until 1917, when he retired from the roofing business. In 1908 he also became interested in the oil industry and at the present time has nine producing wells, to which he devotes all of his time. Mr. Barnard is also interested in the People's Telephone Company.

On December 19, 1887, Mr. Barnard was married to Miss Ida Heath, a daughter of Alonzo Heath, a native of New York State, who later removed to Williamsfield, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. He is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnard the following children were born: (1) Francis Guy, born July 12, 1890, a graduate of Butler High School, class of 1910; worked in the office of the Standard Steel Car Company, engineering department; later with Ford Collier's Company, on the mining engineering staff at Curtisville, Pennsylvania, and then was a salesman for the Butler Buick Automobile Company. He then left civil life to enlist in the U. S. Army in December, 1917. He was sent to St. Paul, Minnesota, to the Aviation Mechanics' Training School. He was later transferred to McCook's Experimental Field at Dayton, Ohio, and assigned to the Eight Hundred and Seventh Aero Squadron. In March, 1919, he was discharged as a corporal. He went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was a salesman for the H. D. Shawkey Motor Company. In 1921 Mr. Barnard returned to Butler and became associated with the Eisler-Hoch Auto Company. He is a member of the American Legion; Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M.; New Castle Consistory, A. A. S. R., thirty-second degree; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Syria Caravan, No. 14, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and United Commercial Travelers.

Hallet C. Barnard, born December 30, 1893, died October 11, 1915, and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler; and (3) Estella Maria, born September 2, 1895, died May 10, 1897, and is buried in North Cem-

etery, Butler. Mrs. Barnard, who was born December 8, 1861, died March 8, 1917, and is buried in North Cemetery.

Mr. Barnard is a Republican in politics, and he has served in the City Council eight years, being elected three consecutive terms, beginning in 1918. He was one of the first councilmen to be elected when Butler was changed from a borough to a third-class city. Mr. Barnard is a member of the Baptist Church, in which he is a trustee. Fraternally he is affiliated with Windsor Lodge No. 323, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is one of Butler's most upright citizens and his business life has been one of strict integrity.

Frank E. Troutman. Following in his father's footsteps, and emulating his virtues and ability, Frank E. Troutman occupies the office of chairman of the board of the Standard Plate Glass Company of Butler, where the elder Troutman was president until his death. The son came to the highest executive position in the concern after years of active service, learning the details of manufacture, etc., in every department of the works. It was his and his father's desire that he should be thoroughly furnished with knowledge of the business from the introduction of the raw material to the finished product and from the humblest place in the office to the highest. Mr. Troutman also has other important business associations, being a partner in Butler's largest department store, president and director of one bank and a director in another bank, both in Butler.

Born in Butler, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1885, Frank E. Troutman is the second son of J. Henry and Mary E. (Helfrich) Troutman. His father was secretary and treasurer of the Standard Plate Glass Company, and afterward was its president, serving in that office until his death in 1919. He was also president of the Butler Savings and Trust Company, and one of the city's most prominent and useful citizens. He was born in Butler in 1854, the son of Adam Troutman, who was one of the pioneers in the business world in this section. J. Henry Troutman was reared in his native city and was a product of the public school system. His school years ended, he engaged in the mercantile business with his father and in 1885 he was made a

member of the firm of A. Troutman & Sons, which subsequently was succeeded by A. Troutman's Sons. J. Henry Troutman was one of the original incorporators of the Standard Plate Glass Company, and in 1892 he was elected treasurer, and in 1898 secretary, both of which offices he held until he was elevated to the position of president. He was also secretary of the Butler Light, Heat and Motor Company, and secretary and treasurer of the Butler Ice Company. His name for many years was linked with many of Butler's most prominent enterprises. He married, in 1881, Mary E. Helfrich, born in Carrollton, Carroll County, Ohio, and they had three children: Charles H., Frank E., and Gertrude S. He was a member and a trustee of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and a member of the Butler Country Club.

Frank E. Troutman attended the grade and high schools of Butler, and then entered Mercersburg Academy, from which he was graduated in the class of 1904. He matriculated at Lehigh University, which graduated him in 1908 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. Direct from the halls of the university into the plant of the Standard Plate Glass Company, Mr. Troutman took his place in the beginning of things there and before he finished his education in glass-making he had "gone through" every department. In 1914 he was, therefore, fully equipped to fill the office of superintendent of the plant and he was appointed to that position. He occupied that office until his father passed away, whereupon he was chosen to succeed him as president. Mr. Troutman is a member of the house of A. Troutman's Sons, founded by his grandfather, and the largest department store in Butler County. He is president and a director of the South Side Bank of Butler, and a director of the Butler Savings & Trust Company. In political affairs Mr. Troutman is of the Republican persuasion. He is a trustee of the Memorial Hospital, and a member of the Country and Sterling Clubs of Butler, and a member of the Duquesne and University Clubs of Pittsburgh, and the Chemists' Club of New York City. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church at Butler, and he is a member of its church board.

Mr. Troutman married, December 29, 1910, Catherine Christie, and they have one son, John Troutman. Mrs. Troutman is a daughter of the late H. W. Christie, one of the pioneer oil men of Butler County,

and Mrs. Emma Sutton Christie, a daughter of the late John H. Sutton.

Edward J. Renno, proprietor of Renno Memorial Works, Butler, Pennsylvania, is a native of that city, and a member of a pioneer family of Butler County. He was born in Butler, September 10, 1881, the son of George and Louisa (Reiger) Renno.

The Renno family was founded in Butler County in 1836 by John Renno, grandfather of Edward J. Renno, who came from Alsace-Lorraine and settled on a farm in this county. His son, George Renno, was born in Butler County, June 19, 1852. He was reared on his father's farm. Later he and his father removed to Butler, where the son learned the granite and marble business from Hildebrand & Son. In 1870 the Renno Memorial Works was established, in which he was actively engaged until his death. The business was first located on North Street, opposite the Central Fire Station, under willow trees, later being located at South Main Street, where the Ketterer Furniture Store now stands. Mr. Renno later built a block where the Miller Shoe Company now has a store, on South Main Street. He sold this property and moved to Cunningham and Main Streets, and later to 108-110 West Cunningham Street. Mr. Renno was a Democrat and a member of the English Lutheran Church. He died June 16, 1904. His wife, who was born at Marwood, Butler County, died in April, 1913, and they are both buried in North Cemetery, Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Renno nine children were born: Ida, the widow of Edward Beerman, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; George, Jr., an attorney, lives in California; Margaret, the widow of Ralph Furman, resides in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; Edward J., the subject of this sketch; Fred, Detroit, Michigan; Emma, married R. Darling, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Alma, is married and resides in Washington, D. C.; Rosamond, married John Fleischer, Butler, Pennsylvania; and James G., a graduate of West Point, is a first lieutenant in the United States Army, stationed at Portland, Maine.

Edward J. Renno was educated in the public schools of Butler, after which he entered the employ of his father and learned the business. After his father's death in 1904 he, with his brother, car-

ried on the business until 1906, when he purchased it. Since that time he has greatly increased the stock and with new and improved methods has built up a business that covers all of Butler County and the western part of Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. He has one of the best and most thoroughly equipped plants of its kind in Pennsylvania.

In 1902 Mr. Renno was married to Miss Agnes Mackey, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Burns) Mackey, natives of Scotland, who came to America and settled in Youngstown, Ohio. For many years Mr. Mackey was chief engineer for the Byers Pipe Company. He is now living retired with his wife at Girard, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Renno five children have been born: Paul, died September 7, 1918, and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler; Mildred, a clerk in the offices of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, lives at home; Bryson, Barton, and Victor, all students. The Renno family are members of the English Lutheran Church.

Mr. Renno is one of the substantial citizens of Butler, a man known for his ability in business, and for his high ideals of civic progress.

George Worrall, president and manager of the Leedom & Worrall Company, wholesale grocers, of Butler, has long been numbered among the representative business men of this city. He was born at Chester Hill, Ohio, April 15, 1869, the son of Alfred and Rachael (Engle) Worrall.

Alfred Worrall, deceased, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was the owner of a well improved farm in that section. He died in 1917. Rachael (Engle) Worrall, born in Washington County, Ohio, died in 1923. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Worrall: Martha J., and George, the subject of this sketch.

George Worrall received his education in the public schools of Chester Hill, Ohio. He then accepted a position in the country store at Chester Hill, where he remained until he was twenty years old. For ten years thereafter he was employed by a wholesale grocery company in Marietta, Ohio. He then organized the Worrall Wholesale Grocery Company at Marietta, which he conducted for three



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years, when he sold his interest to the Eldridge-Higgins Company, of Columbus, Ohio, remaining with them as manager of the Marietta store for one year. Mr. Worrall then came to Butler in 1904 and established the Leedom & Worrall Company, with a branch store at Greenville, Pennsylvania. The original founders of the business were Nelson Moore, president; P. W. Leedom, vice president; George Worrall, secretary and treasurer; and J. H. Leedom and D. H. Sutton, directors. The present officers of the company are: George Worrall, president, treasurer, and manager; George Crissman, vice president; W. J. Manny, vice president; S. G. C. Reiber, secretary. The company employs fifty people and carries all well-known brands of canned goods, groceries, etc. They have a railroad siding and ship goods for a radius of fifty miles. The Butler plant has a floor space of 40,000 feet and the Greenville plant a floor space of 24,000 feet. They use from eight to ten trucks in their business.

On May 10, 1893, Mr. Worrall was married to Miss Lillian Leedom, and they have one daughter, Lillian Grace.

Mr. Worrall is a progressive and liberal citizen, is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Knights Templar and Shrine. In politics he is a republican. He is a member of the Butler Country Club and the Sterling Club. Mr. Worrall and his family are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Worrall is vice president of the Butler Savings & Trust Company and of the South Side National Bank.

L. D. Raisley, a member of the firm of Raisley & Whiteside, general merchants, of Butler, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Cooperstown, Butler County, August 3, 1887, the son of George W. and Sarah J. (Croft) Raisley.

George W. Raisley, a son of Daniel and Mary Raisley, was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1851. His father came to Butler County in 1866 and purchased a farm of about 600 acres. George W. Raisley worked on his father's farm and also learned the blacksmith trade, at which he worked until 1901. Mr. Raisley, with his son-in-law as a partner, then established the present merchandise store of Raisley & Whiteside, in which he took an active interest until

his retirement in 1919. He died in August, 1925, and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. His wife, who was born in Cranberry Township, Butler County, December 29, 1852, now lives in Butler. Mr. Raisley was a Republican and held many township offices of trust. He was a member of the Middlesex Presbyterian Church for many years, in which he served as an elder and as Sunday school superintendent. After his removal to Butler he became a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, in which he was an active worker. He was a director of the Merchants' National Bank. To Mr. and Mrs. Raisley the following children were born: Harry, deceased; Grace, married John P. Whiteside, member of the firm of Raisley & Whiteside; Rose, married George A. Mitchell, engaged in the insurance business, Butler; she is deceased; and L. D., the subject of this sketch.

L. D. Raisley attended the public schools of Butler and graduated from Butler Business College, after which he entered his father's store, where he remained until he entered the World War. He enlisted September 18, 1917, in the Three Hundred and Twenty-third United States Artillery, Battery A, Eighty-third Division, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Brigade. He was sent to France and served in the following engagements: Meuse Argonne offensive, September 26 to October 4, 1918; Verdun sector, October 5-7, 1918; offensive north of Verdun, October 8-29, 1918; Meuse-Argonne offensive, October 31-November 11, 1918. He then served with the Army of Occupation. He was mustered out of service May 13, 1919, as a mess sergeant. After his discharge from duty Mr. Raisley returned to Butler, where he purchased his father's interest in the Raisley & Whiteside store. This is one of the well established commercial enterprises of Butler, and the firm conducts a good business.

In 1917 Mr. Raisley was married to Florence Witherup, a daughter of William and Ada (Young) Witherup, natives of North Washington, Pennsylvania. Mr. Witherup was a contractor and oil well driller. He died February 9, 1915, and is buried in North Washington, Pennsylvania. His widow has since resided in Butler. They were the parents of the following children: Foster L., oil well driller, Hawthorne, Clarion County, Pennsylvania; and Florence (Mrs. Raisley). To Mr. and Mrs. Raisley two children were born: Wilma Zoe, deceased, buried in North Cemetery, Butler; and George W.

Mr. Raisley is a Republican and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and superintendent of the Sunday school. He belongs to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Lions Club. He is a director of the Merchants National Bank and is a public-spirited young man, who holds the high regard of all who know him.

Peter A. Rattigan, Jr., is a well known business man of Butler, where he is manager of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company store. He was born in Chicora, Butler County, October 6, 1878, the son of Peter and Esther M. (Bell) Rattigan.

Peter A. Rattigan, deceased, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1846, the son of Peter and Ann (Snee) Rattigan. The latter was a native of Longford County, Ireland, and came to this country when a boy. He was a carpenter by trade and later a contractor. He died in 1862. His wife, who was born in Pittsburgh, in 1810, died April 17, 1892. When a child and playing on the banks of the river, she was fired upon by the Indians.

Peter A. Rattigan attended the public schools of Pittsburgh and also sold newspapers. At the age of nine years he obtained work in the press room of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, and at the age of seventeen years was foreman in the printing house of Benjamin Singerly, an extensive establishment at that time. On August 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Previous to this time he had tried to enlist on five separate times, but was rejected on account of his youth. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the following battles: Fredericksburg, Snicker's Gap, Warrenton, Frederick City, and Chancellorsville. He was honorably discharged in 1863. In an engagement near Port Royal, Mr. Rattigan was wounded by the concussion of a bursting shell, which destroyed the hearing of his right ear. He was also wounded in his left foot at Chancellorsville. After receiving his discharge he returned to Pittsburgh. He worked as a steward on a boat between Pittsburgh and

Nashville. In 1868 he went to Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he was foreman of the Oil City Times, now the Oil City Derrick. He assisted in establishing the Oil City Herald, and was appointed superintendent. In 1872 he returned to Pittsburgh. In 1877 he went to Millerstown, Butler County, Pennsylvania, and purchased the Millerstown Herald. He enlarged the paper from a five column folio to an eight column folio, and it was one of the leading Democratic papers in that section of the state. He served as burgess of Millerstown; was delegate to many state and county conventions and was justice of the peace and served on the school board. He was appointed postmaster in October, 1885, and served until March, 1890. He was a stanch Democrat. He came to Butler in 1899 and was owner of the Butler Herald until his death, January 3, 1901. He is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. Mr. Rattigan was a member of Robert McDermott Post, 223 G. A. R., past commander, and aide on the staff of the department commander of the Pennsylvania Grand Army of the Republic. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 947, Millerstown, and past chancellor, Knights of Pythias, No. 457.

Peter A. Rattigan, Sr., was married on October 25, 1868, to Esther M. Bell, a daughter of Wellington and Mary Ann (Ryan) Bell, natives of Queens County, Ireland. Mrs. Rattigan lives in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Rattigan seven children were born: Harry T., an accountant, Butler; Anna A., married W. S. Green, Greenville, Pennsylvania; W. J., deceased; Peter A., the subject of this sketch; Esther M., Butler; H. J., Butler; and Mary Elizabeth, married George C. Blair, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Peter A. Rattigan attended the public schools of Chicora. After leaving school he learned the printer's trade. In 1899 he came to Butler and engaged in business with his father and worked on the Butler Herald until 1910. In 1910 he established a grocery store on the east side of Butler, which he conducted until 1913. He closed out his business and removed to Greenville, Pennsylvania, where he established a grocery which he conducted for five years. In 1918 he became a salesman for the System Salvage and Service Company of DuBois, Pennsylvania. Later he returned to Butler and was employed by the Koch Grocery Store, after which he worked as a traveling salesman for the Lloyd Company of Butler. In 1923 he accepted

his present position as manager of the branch store of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. He has one of the largest stores in Butler of the A. & P. chain.

In 1907 Mr. Rattigan married Anna Garber, a daughter of John A. and Ella (Carr) Garber, natives of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, now residents of Butler, where Mr. Garber is employed as a moulder by the Standard Steel Car Company. Mr. and Mrs. Rattigan have two children, Grace Bernadette and John A., both students.

Mr. Rattigan is a Democrat, a member of the Knights of Columbus, Butler Council, and the United Commercial Travelers. He and his family are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

George T. Hays, a member of the well known service station of Hays & Sloop, Karns City, Pa., was born near Buena Vista, Fairview Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1901, a son of Christopher F. and Lillie (Logan) Hays.

Christopher F. Hays was born at Haysville, Pennsylvania, and was reared on his father's farm. He followed agriculture for a time and later became an oil producer. He is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Argyle Lodge, No. 540, F. and A. M.; New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Syria Caravan No. 14, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Butler, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hays was born at West Monterey, Pennsylvania. George T., the subject of this sketch, was their only child.

Christopher F. Hays was the son of Hon. Thomas Hays, who was born January 19, 1840, in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. After finishing school he enlisted in September, 1861, in Company B., One Hundred and Third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Fourth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, and with his regiment took part in the Peninsula campaign, participating in the battles of Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Fair Oaks, and Malvern Hill. He later transferred to the Eighteenth Corps and was stationed at Suffolk, Virginia. At the expiration of his first enlistment in November, 1862, he reenlisted in Battery L, Fourth U. S. Artillery, and served in the following engage-

ments: sieges of Suffolk, Petersburg, Yorktown, Battle of Cold Harbor and the engagements before Richmond. He was honorably discharged November 13, 1864. In the spring of 1867 he took up his residence on a farm in Fairview Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1877, when he removed to Fairview, Pennsylvania. Since 1900 he has been largely interested in the oil industry and was a successful oil operator. He was a director in the Farmers' National Bank, and a partner in a large wholesale grocery. Mr. Hays erected the Waverly Hotel at Fairview.

On December 21, 1865, Thomas Hays was married to Keziah J. Foster, a daughter of Christopher F. and Isabella Foster of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. To this union six children were born: Jennie L.; Christopher F., father of our subject; Robert N.; Maude B.; Thomas H.; and Charles F. W. Mr. Hays was a Republican. In 1902 he was elected to the State Legislature and reelected and served until 1906. He also held many borough offices. In 1908 he was elected to the State Senate. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a devoted member. He was also prominent in Masonic circles, and belonged to the Woodmen of the World, Sons of the American Revolution, and the G. A. R., Post No. 105, of Butler, Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife are deceased.

George T. Hays attended the public schools, was graduated from Fairview Township High School in 1919, and attended Penn State College. Upon leaving college he went to Detroit, where he attended a general automobile school. He then returned to Karns City and worked as weighmaster and surveyor for the McDonald Coal Company. In 1925 Mr. Hays, in partnership with Mr. Stoops, purchased the Pickard & Sherwin Service Station. This partnership continued until February, 1927, when Mr. Stoops sold his interest in the concern to Christopher F. Hays, the father of George T. Hays. They have the only station of its kind in the city. They have a storage capacity for thirty-five cars and carry a complete line of automobile accessories, tires, gas and oil. In connection with the station they sell confections, tobacco, soft drinks, and radios, and have a well established business.

In 1926 Mr. Hays was married to Miss Margaret Brown, a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (McCracken) Brown, natives of Parker

Township, Butler County, and now deceased. Mr. Brown followed agriculture.

Mr. Hays is a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. His fraternal affiliations are with Argyle Lodge, No. 540, F. and A. M., Chicora, Pennsylvania; New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., New Castle; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh; Syrian Caravan, No. 14, A. A. O. N. M. S., Butler, Pennsylvania; and Knights of Pythias.

Paul R. Beck, secretary and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Refining Company, Karns City, Pennsylvania, was born in Karns City, July 20, 1896, the son of George and Anna M. (Bezler) Beck, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Paul R. Beck obtained his early education in the local public schools, including the high school, then attended Washington and Jefferson College for two years, after which he went into business with his father. In 1922 he was made secretary and treasurer of the company.

Mr. Beck was married in 1919 to Miss Helen Smiley, a daughter of Alton W. and Mary (Shanor) Smiley. Mr. Smiley, who was born near Jamestown, New York, was an operator and gauger for the National Transit Company. He died in 1918 and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania. His widow, a native of Butler County, now resides in Karns City. To Mr. and Mrs. Beck one son was born: Paul Richard, Jr., born April 29, 1921.

Mr. Beck is a Republican in politics and belongs to the German Lutheran Church and the following organizations: Argyle Lodge, No. 540, Free and Accepted Masons, past master in 1924, Chicora, Pennsylvania; Butler Chapter, R. A. M. No. 273, Butler, Pennsylvania; New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree, New Castle; and the Ridgeview Country Club, the Foxburg Country Club, and Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, of which he is past treasurer. Mr. Beck is a young man of exceeding popularity and is recognized as a representative young business man of the county.

The Butler County National Bank. Believing that the banking facilities were not adequate for the rapidly increasing business of Butler, several bankers and capitalists proposed from time to time the organization of a national bank. No definite action was taken, however, until early in 1890, when J. V. Ritts, a banker well known in western Pennsylvania, representing a number of prominent business men, joined R. B. Taylor, E. E. Abrams, C. D. Greenlee, I. G. Smith and O. M. Russell, who promoted the enterprise and held a formal meeting at Butler on April 1, 1890. The title selected was "The Butler County National Bank," and upon application to the comptroller of the currency, a charter was granted July 19, 1890. The substantial three-story brick building on the southwest corner of the Diamond and Main Street, having been purchased by the bank, was improved and tastefully fitted up for banking and office purposes.

On August 18, 1890, the bank was opened for business under the following organization: R. B. Taylor, president; J. V. Ritts, vice president; David Osborne, cashier; and Charles A. Bailey, assistant cashier. Including the president and vice president, the directory was composed of W. S. Waldron, Leslie P. Hazlett, E. E. Abrams, O. M. Russell, C. D. Greenlee, I. G. Smith, C. P. Collins and Henry McSweeney.

With a paid-up capital stock of \$100,000 and a list of stockholders comprising capitalists having wide business influence, and men prominent in public affairs, the success of the institution was soon established, while the steady growth of the business shows the continued confidence of the people. In the year of 1900 the capital stock was increased to \$200,000, and in 1904 it was raised to \$300,000. In 1902 The Butler County National Bank had outgrown its quarters, and in that year was begun the erection of the structure which is at present the home of the institution, a six-story brick and stone building, modern in every detail, handsome from an artistic standpoint, and is in itself, by reason of its massiveness, a true indication of the strength of the bank which owns it, and of the financial importance of the County of Butler.

Mr. Ritts has surrounded himself with a large force of men well qualified to handle the business of the bank. He is himself interested as a stockholder in other banking institutions and in many industrial



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corporations in Butler County, Pittsburgh and vicinity. He is also a large real estate owner. Mr. Ritts was born in St. Petersburg, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, in 1852. He was educated in the common schools of that town and county, several academies and Iron City College, Pittsburgh, in the latter of which he was a teacher for several years. Mr. Ritts' banking experience began with his engagement as bookkeeper in the Foxburg Bank, Foxburg, Pennsylvania, in December, 1871, from which institution he went to the St. Petersburg Savings Bank as general bookkeeper. He was made cashier of that bank after one year's service and retained that post for seventeen years. He retired from the cashiership of the St. Petersburg bank in 1890 to organize The Butler County National Bank.

The Butler County National Bank has always been intimately connected with the development of the business interests of Butler and Butler County; it has progressed and grown with the community. Having erected its present six-story building in 1902 and at that time occupying part of the first floor as banking quarters, it was compelled in 1914 to secure additional working space, when it remodeled and occupied the entire first floor of the building. Also in 1914, in order to make its service still more complete, the Butler County Trust Company was organized, with a capital of \$250,000, all stock in said trust company being owned and controlled by the stockholders of The Butler County National Bank. The Butler County Trust Company transacts only a fiduciary business, is located in the same room with The Butler County National Bank and now has an earned surplus of \$240,000. Its present officers are: J. V. Ritts, president; W. C. McCandless, vice president; J. J. Schultis, vice president; R. H. McClester, secretary and treasurer; and C. E. Cummings, trust officer.

The present combined capital and surplus of these institutions is over \$1,800,000, deposits over \$7,000,000, and gross assets exceed \$11,500,000. The present officers of the bank are: J. V. Ritts, president; T. P. Mifflin, vice president; W. C. McCandless, vice president; John G. McMarlin, vice president and cashier; Elias Ritts, vice president; W. A. Ashbaugh, assistant cashier; E. W. Humphrey, assistant cashier; and J. H. Stewart, assistant cashier.

The bank was especially active during the World War in assisting

in the various Liberty Loan, War Savings, Red Cross, and other campaigns. The total Liberty Loan quota assigned to the bank was \$2,681,850; the amount of subscriptions they placed with the government for the various Liberty Loans was \$3,177,500. In addition to this the bank handled \$600,000 in War Savings Stamps.

The bank maintains an active agricultural department in charge of Mr. R. C. Wiggins, agricultural advisor. Mr. Wiggins is a native of Indiana County, graduate of State Normal School of Indiana, also of Pennsylvania State College, and for four years was county agent for Butler County. This department takes active interest in promoting purebred stock and the general improvement of agricultural production and markets.

The confidence of the community in these institutions is evidenced by their continual growth—the result of a courteous and efficient service rendered.

On June 6, 1927, the consolidation of The Butler County National Bank and The Farmers National Bank was effected. The name of the consolidated bank is The Butler County National Bank and the business will be conducted in the banking rooms of The Butler County National Bank at the corner of Main and Diamond Streets, Butler.

Patrick Ryan Burke, deceased, was for many years a well known business man and leading citizen of Karns City. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 17, 1848, the son of James and Mary (Ryan) Burke.

James Burke and his wife were natives of Ireland. After their arrival in this country many years ago they settled at Brooklyn, New York, where Mr. Burke became successful as a building contractor, and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They had two children, Patrick and Judith, deceased.

Patrick Ryan Burke lived in Brooklyn, New York, until 1862, and received his education in a private school there. He also attended St. Mary's College in Cleveland, Ohio, where his mother located after her husband's death. In June, 1866, Mr. Burke went to Franklin, Pennsylvania, and spent some time in the coal mines of Venango

County. In 1873 he settled at Karns City, where he accepted a position with the lumber firm of Rogers & Allen, as bookkeeper, with whom he was identified until May 14, 1875. He then embarked in the mercantile business for himself at Karns City, and was associated in partnership with H. P. Meclimans. Shortly afterward Mr. Burke became sole owner of the business, which he conducted in a highly successful manner until his retirement in 1888. Mr. Burke had extensive coal and oil interests in this section of the state and until his death in 1914 was a prominent oil producer of Butler and McKean counties.

On November 4, 1874, Mr. Burke was united in marriage with Miss Ada Z. Meclimans, the daughter of Hugh P. and Margaret (Campbell) Meclimans. Mr. Meclimans was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1820, and his wife was born near North Washington, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1821. He was a farmer and also a blacksmith by trade. Later, he owned and operated a hotel at North Washington until 1858, when he removed to Fairview Township and purchased a large farm. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Concord Cemetery, Concord Township, Butler County. They had four children: Eliza Jane, born June 6, 1847, deceased; Esther B., born December 4, 1848, deceased; James Addison, born January 14, 1851, lives retired at Sunbury, Pennsylvania; and Ada Z., born March 26, 1857. To Patrick Ryan and Ada Z. (Meclimans) Burke were born nine children, as follows: (1) Franklin K., graduated from Duff Business College at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, lives at Franklin, Pennsylvania, married Queen Keen, and they have two daughters: Dorothy, who married Francis Dorworth, Jr., and they live at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and have a daughter, Cheryl; and Helen, married E. Ray Inman, Jr., lives at Chicago, Illinois, and they have a daughter, Jocelyn; (2) Carrie Maude, a graduate of Duff's Business College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, married J. B. Storey, lives at Butler, and they have two children, Kathryn Burke and William Ryan; (3) Cleveland R., deceased; (4) Mary Margaret, deceased; (5) Patrick R., deceased; (6) Ellen J., deceased. She was a graduate of the Butler High School and the National School of Arts and Science, Washington, District of Columbia, and taught school six years at New Kensington, Pennsylvania; (7) Lyde B., a graduate of Wilson College, Chambersburg,

Pennsylvania; married Walter W. Beck, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; (8) Eugene Burke, a World War veteran, having served in France with Battery A, Three Hundred and Twenty-third Field Artillery, Eighty-third Division. He was a casual during the closing months of the war and was discharged at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, after eleven months in France; (9) and Esther E., a graduate of Butler High School and Kellogg College, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Mr. Burke was a Democrat and was twice delegate to the state convention. He served as burgess of Karns City and was a member of the local school board for thirty-three years. He was one of the organizers of the local lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and served as first officer of the lodge. He was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and served as treasurer for ten years of Lodge No. 931, Karns City. Mr. Burke was also a member of F. and A. M. No. 521; Royal Arch Chapter; Knight Templar Commandery, No. 1; thirty-second degree, Pittsburgh Consistory; and Syria Temple. He was a citizen of material worth to his community and was well liked in the county.

Thomas M. Murphy is a leading business man and well known citizen of Petrolia, where he is identified with the W. H. Daugherty & Son Refining Company as general manager. He was born at Ridgway, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1882, and is the son of John Joseph and Rose (Warner) Murphy.

John Joseph Murphy, deceased, was a native of Ireland. He was a carpenter by trade and after coming to the United States he located at Ridgway, Pennsylvania, where he became a prominent citizen. He served as commissioner of parks and streets and was a Democrat. He and his wife are deceased. Both are buried in St. Leo's Cemetery, Ridgway. Mrs. Murphy was a native of Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were born three sons: Joseph P., lives at Maryville, Tennessee, where he is superintendent of the Babcock Lumber Company, Father John W., pastor of St. Leo's Catholic Church at Ridgway, Pennsylvania, was educated in the American College at Rome, Italy; and Thomas M., the subject of this sketch.

Thomas M. Murphy received his education in the parochial schools of Ridgway, and began his business career with the Ridgway Dynamo & Engine Company as a bookkeeper. Later, he served as assistant secretary of the company and in 1905 resigned his position and came to Petrolia, where he became connected with the W. H. Daugherty & Son Refining Company. Mr. Murphy was promoted to assistant manager of the plant in 1910 and ten years later was made general manager.

In 1904 Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Helen Grant, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Grant, of Ridgway, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Gertrude M., a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy, Pittsburgh, lives at home; Thomas G., a graduate of St. Vincent's College, now attends Notre Dame University; and Helen Marie, at home.

Mr. Murphy is a Democrat, a member of St. James Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Ridge View Country Club, and the Butler Board of Commerce. He is a man who stands well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Carl H. Alsberg is a representative citizen of Petrolia, where he is chief engineer for the W. H. Daugherty & Son Refining Company. He was born at Kaiserslautern, Bavaria, Germany, Jan. 21, 1885, and is the son of Maximilian and Anna (Neu) Alsberg.

Maximilian Alsberg was born in Meunster, Germany, and died in 1886. He was a well educated man and a successful manufacturer. His wife was born at Hamburg, Germany, and died 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Alsberg were the parents of two children: Lily, married G. A. Schultz, lives at Hamburg, Germany; and Carl H., the subject of this sketch.

Carl H. Alsberg attended the public and high schools of Zweibruecken, and later attended the technical universities of Karlsruhe, Dresden and Darmstadt, graduating at the latter place in 1908. He became associated with the Bamberger-Leroy Company of Frankfurt, Germany, and served as superintendent of this company until January, 1910, when he resigned his position and came to the United

States. Mr. Alsberg spent some time in New York City as a draftsman for the New York Central Railroad, and later went to Montreal, Canada, where he was a bridge designer for the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company until 1912. He then joined a firm of consulting engineers in New York City, and in 1916 became connected with the L. Sonneborn & Son Company, Inc., New York City, as manufacturing superintendent of their Belleville, New Jersey, plant. Mr. Alsberg was transferred to Petrolia as chief engineer for the W. H. Daugherty & Son Refining Company in 1922.

In 1911 Mr. Alsberg was married to Miss Margaret L. Stumpf, the daughter of Karl and Christina (Hassinger) Stumpf, both deceased. They have three children: Frederick R., born at Westchester Park, New York, April 4, 1916; Carl H., Jr., born November 18, 1919; and Margaret Louise, born May 14, 1923.

Mr. Alsberg is a Republican.

Lewis D. Berry is widely known among the prominent business men of Butler County, where he has extensive oil interests. He is a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, born February 8, 1873, the son of Orman P. and Malinda (Bowser) Berry.

Orman P. Berry, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Elk County, Pa., July 8, 1845, and died in 1917. He was the son of John and Elizabeth (Silvers) Berry. John Berry was born at Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania, in 1810 and died in 1859. Elizabeth (Silvers) Berry was born in Butler County in 1821. They had the following children: David, John, Orman P., Wakefield, George A., Thomas M., Miles H., and Catherine. By a second marriage, Elizabeth (Silvers) Berry had two other children, Abner M. and Annie E. Orman P. Berry lived in Elk County, Pennsylvania, until his seventh year, when his parents moved to Clarion County. He was reared in that county and spent nine years in the employ of H. T. Barney, as a machinist, setting up machinery throughout the county. In 1896 Mr. Berry established what is known as the Berry Machine Company, which he successfully conducted until the time of his retirement. He was a well known inventor and obtained several patents

on his machines. Mr. Berry served throughout the Civil War as a private in Company F, 67th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and was discharged January 4, 1865, at Washington, D. C. The regiment was in many of the important engagements of the war and all its members were taken prisoner at Shenandoah. Mr. Berry was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and was prominent in local politics.

On September 3, 1872, Mr. Berry was married to Miss Malinda J. Bowser, a daughter of Peter and Jane Bowser, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bowser had the following children: Alfred, Lewis, Logan, Andrew J., James M., Ross T., Harry M., Melanthon G., Adeline, Malinda, and Amelia. To Orman P. and Malinda J. (Bowser) Berry eleven children were born as follows: Lewis D., the subject of this sketch; Jennie, married Demer Hemphill, lives at Butler; John, lives at Aspinwall, Pennsylvania; Ada, married Mr. Renners, lives at Detroit, Mich.; George, lives at Casper, Wyo.; Alma, married William Neal, lives at Butler; Minta, married James Espy, lives at Butler; Lottie, lives at Petrolia; Harry, lives at Greybull, Wyo.; Pryor, lives at Petrolia; and Roy, died in 1920, was a veteran of the World War.

Lewis D. Berry received his education in the public schools of Criswell, Pennsylvania, and at an early age entered his father's machine shops. He purchased the business in 1901 and has since operated it in a highly successful manner. In 1904 he became interested in oil production and now owns and operates 30 wells in Butler and Armstrong counties. He also owns three large farms. In 1923 Mr. Berry purchased the storage and garage business of Campbell & Byers at Petrolia, which is known now as the Berry Garage & Storage Company. He has five gasoline manufacturing plants, and owns stations at Petrolia and Bradys Bend.

In 1902 Mr. Berry was united in marriage with Miss Clara Stoughton, the daughter of William and Ida (Stephenson) Stoughton, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New Jersey. Mr. Stoughton resides at Petrolia. His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have two daughters: Ruth, married R. Stitely lives at Petrolia, and they have a son, David, born October 27, 1925; and Pauline, a graduate of Lancaster Business College, and married October 30, 1926, to

Dr. Charles R. Walker. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Dr. Walker is teaching dentistry.

Mr. Berry is a Republican and has served as a member of the city council for 20 years. He is affiliated with F. & A. M., Argyle Lodge No. 540; New Castle Consistory, 32nd degree; and Syria Temple, Pittsburgh.

Alexander M. Campbell, proprietor of the Atlas Hotel and Atlas Pharmacy, is a leading business man and prominent citizen of Butler. He was born in Butler County, October 28, 1864, and is the son of Andrew Graham and Rachel J. (Hutchison) Campbell.

Andrew Graham Campbell, deceased, was a representative citizen of Butler County. He was born on the old Campbell homestead in Concord Township, Butler County, July 1, 1842, and died in 1907. He was the son of Alexander and Eliza (Jamison) Campbell. The Campbell family has long been well and favorably known in Butler County. Andrew G. Campbell was reared on his father's farm in Concord Township. A mill stood on the property and he improved the opportunity to learn the milling trade, which he followed together with farming both before and after the Civil War. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the war period. He then returned to Butler County and resumed his former occupations of farming and milling, also becoming interested in a mercantile business. In 1893 he was elected sheriff of Butler County, and served with marked efficiency for a long period of time. On August 7, 1862, he married Rachel J. Hutchison, of Oakland Township, Butler County. Six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Campbell were: Alexander M., the subject of this sketch; Eliza A., Thomas A., William J., Charles F., and Millard H.

Alexander M. Campbell received his education in the public schools. He has been a resident of Butler County all his life, and is widely known among the reliable business men of Butler. He was elected sheriff of Butler County in 1905, the contest being a close one. His majority was forty-three votes. He served a three-year term as



ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL

sheriff and he also served as deputy sheriff under his father for three and one-half years.

Mr. Campbell was married in November, 1904, to Miss Sarah A. Sweeney, the daughter of John Sweeney, of Butler County.

Mr. Campbell is affiliated with the Elks Lodge and has served as exalted ruler.

Dr. Earle Lincoln Mortimer, of Petrolia, ranks high among the prominent young physicians and surgeons of Butler County. He was born at Mifflintown, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1897, and is the son of Rev. J. H. and Anna Mary (Sechler) Mortimer.

Rev. J. H. Mortimer, who lives retired at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was born at Danville, Pennsylvania, in 1856. In early life he was a druggist. Later he attended Dickinson Seminary and for forty-four years was a minister of the Methodist Church, with parishes at the following places: Altoona, Harrisburg, Williamsport, Patton, Ashland, Mifflintown, and Hughesville. Reverend Mortimer has lived retired since 1920. To Rev. J. H. and Anna Mary (Sechler) Mortimer were born four children, as follows: Rosaline, a graduate of Dickinson Seminary, lives at home; Zella K., a graduate of Dickinson Seminary, is connected with the business department of Altoona (Pennsylvania) High School; John Floyd, a graduate of Dickinson Seminary, died in 1911, was manager of the Federal Hat Company, Philadelphia; and Earle Lincoln, the subject of this sketch.

After completing his early schooling at Williamsport, Earle Lincoln Mortimer attended Altoona High School, from which he was graduated in 1914. He then spent two years at Dickinson College, and in 1920 received his degree as Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania. He served as interne at West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh for a year and was then assistant chief of the city tuberculosis hospital at Leech Farm, Pittsburgh, for a period of three and one-half months. In 1921 Doctor Mortimer came to Petrolia, where he is well established.

In 1922 Doctor Mortimer was united in marriage with Miss Gladys Ruth Morgan, the daughter of T. G. and Agnes (Davis) Morgan, the

former a native of Wales and the latter of Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are residents of Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he is manager of the Oil Well Supply Company. Doctor and Mrs. Mortimer have two daughters, Dorothy Louise and Anita Mae.

Doctor Mortimer is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and he belongs to the Omega Upsilon Phi and Phi Delta Theta fraternities. He is identified with the Butler County Medical Society, the Allegheny County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

Doctor Mortimer was active in college athletic circles and was a member of the varsity football and track teams of Dickinson College. He was also a member of the college glee and mandolin clubs and was violin soloist for two years. He is an expert swimmer and was a member of the diving squad of the University of Pennsylvania. Later he was an instructor at the West Branch Y. M. C. A. in Philadelphia. During the World War he served with the Student Army Training Corps.

Doctor Mortimer is an excellent citizen and merits the high esteem in which he is held by the community.

R. D. Foss, who is successfully engaged in the hardware business at Petrolia, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1894, and is the son of E. H. and Lulu (Campbell) Foss.

E. H. Foss, deceased, was a native of Michigan. He was born in 1856 and died in 1913. He spent his early life at Wilkinsburg, and in 1872 went to Parker, Pennsylvania, where he was agent for the Parker & Karns City Railroad Company. Later he went to Pittsburgh and was employed by the Adams Express Company and the Westinghouse Electric Company. Mr. Foss also served as cashier of the Pittsburgh Club and was serving in this capacity at the time of his death. He is buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, Petrolia. Mr. Foss was well known as a writer of poetry and was a frequent contributor to Pittsburgh newspapers. He was an active member of the Methodist church and a Prohibitionist. Lulu (Campbell) Foss was

born in Butler County in 1859, and is the daughter of Joseph F. and Elizabeth Shields (Porter) Campbell, natives of Pennsylvania. Joseph F. Campbell was the son of William and Betty Campbell. The former served throughout the War of 1812 and was one of the first settlers of Butler County, where he improved a tract of 320 acres of land.

To E. H. and Lulu (Campbell) Foss were born five children, as follows: Bessie, deceased, buried at Bruin, Pennsylvania; Grace, deceased, buried at Petrolia; Marion, married C. J. Herzog, lives at Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania; J. E., lives at Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania; and R. D., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. E. H. Foss now resides at Castle Shannon.

R. D. Foss was educated in the public schools of Wilkinsburg and in 1912 was graduated from Wilkinsburg High School. He began his business career in a clerical capacity with the Pennsylvania Water Company and in 1914 went with W. H. Daugherty & Sons Company at Petrolia as an oil treater. Later he went with the Pennsylvania Oil Refining Company at Karns City, and in August, 1918, was inducted into service in the World War. He was sent to Camp Lee, Va., and assigned to an infantry replacement, and later appointed to the officers' training school. He was discharged from service in November, 1918, and then went to Karns City, Pennsylvania, where he became interested in oil production. In 1921 Mr. Foss purchased the hardware business from A. M. Douthett at Petrolia, which he has since successfully conducted and which is known as the R. D. Foss Hardware Company. His store building was completely remodeled in 1921 and is among the finest stores of the county.

In 1918 Mr. Foss was married to Miss Mary O'Hara, the daughter of James and Mary (Stone) O'Hara, of Karns City, Pa. Both Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara are deceased and are buried at Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Foss have four daughters: Patricia, born in 1920; Mary Joan; Donna and Gloria, twins.

Mr. Foss is a Republican in politics and has served as a member of the city council for the past eight years and as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Foxburg Country Club, and Ridge View Country Club. Mr. Foss maintains his residence at Karns City, where he is well and favorably known.

Lewis A. Albaugh is a successful business man of Butler County. He was born at Vinco, in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1872, and is the son of Joseph and Almeda (Sawyer) Albaugh.

Joseph Albaugh, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1832, the son of David Albaugh, who was one of the first settlers of Center County, Pennsylvania, and who later removed to Blair County, Pennsylvania. Joseph Albaugh spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was 21 years of age when he removed to Cambria County in 1853 and entered his uncle's employ, W. W. Harris, a lumber dealer. He served throughout the Civil War with the 18th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and after the close of the war returned to Cambria County and located on a farm at Vinco, where he remained for a number of years. Later, he became interested in oil production in McKean and Clarion counties. At the time of his death he lived retired on his farm. Mr. Albaugh was a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife is also deceased and they are buried in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Albaugh were the parents of five children, as follows: Gertrude, married John Varner, a retired farmer, lives at Echo, Pennsylvania; Lewis A., the subject of this sketch; Clyde, deceased; Ray, lives at Conemaugh, Pennsylvania; and Maude married Irvin Custer, lives at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Lewis A. Albaugh grew up on his father's farm in Cambria County and received his education in the public schools, and also attended Coopersdale Academy. He remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age and then came to Butler County. He has lived at Karns City since 1895 and for the past twenty years has been interested in the oil fields of this section. Mr. Albaugh was associated with James P. O'Hara for several years.

In 1903 Mr. Albaugh was united in marriage with Miss Blanche O'Hara, the daughter of James and Mary (Stone) O'Hara, natives of Karns City, and both now deceased. They have four children: Dale, Paul, Dorothy, and Helen.

Mr. Albaugh has always been a Republican. He is a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Shrine. He is a director of the Merchants National Bank of Butler and is representative of the best citizenship in the community.

Howard A. Frazier, manager of the Keystone Grocery & Tea Company, is a progressive and enterprising business man of Petrolia. He was born in Muddy Creek Township, Butler County, September 16, 1888, and is the son of Jefferson and Mary Ellen (Anderson) Frazier.

Jefferson Frazier, who lives retired at Butler, was born on the old Frazier homestead in Muddy Creek Township, and has spent his entire life in Butler County. He remained on the farm until 1916, when he retired and removed to Butler. Mr. Frazier is a Democrat and has served as assessor and school director. He holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church. His wife, Mary Ellen (Anderson) Frazier, was born in Franklin Township, Butler County, and died in 1916. She is buried at Portersville, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Frazier were born five children, as follows: Roy, lives at Butler; Harry, lives at Drumright, Oklahoma; Blanche, married Dr. C. W. Smith, lives at Butler; Howard A., the subject of this sketch; and Minnie, lives at Butler.

Howard A. Frazier was educated in the schools of Muddy Creek Township, and farmed on the home place with his father until 1916, at which time he purchased the farm from his father. After several years Mr. Frazier sold the farm and went to Miami County, Kansas, where he remained until 1925. He then entered the employ of the Keystone Grocery & Tea Company, as manager of the Petrolia store. Later, he was transferred to Zelienople by the company but returned to Petrolia in 1926.

Mr. Frazier was married in 1917 to Miss Mabel Book, the daughter of W. Franklin and Elizabeth (Humphrey) Book, residents of Worth Township, Butler County.

W. Franklin Book was born on the old Book homestead, February 3, 1856, the son of Thomas and Sarah (Bennett) Book. His grandfather, George Book, Jr., and great grandfather, Capt. George Book, came from the eastern part of the country and settled in Worth Township, Butler County, during the early days. Capt. George Book was a captain of a company which marched from Butler County to Erie, Pennsylvania, where they joined Colonel Prescott's command for service during the War of 1812.

W. Franklin Book has always followed farming and has met with success. He operates 140 acres of fine land in Worth Township. He

was married in May, 1884, to Miss Elizabeth Humphrey, the daughter of John and Lydia (Studebaker) Humphrey. Mr. Book is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Politically, Mr. Frazier is a Democrat and he holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church.

George F. Jones is well known among the enterprising business men of Petrolia, where he has spent his entire life. He was born November 4, 1883, and is the son of George J. and Florence (Irwin) Jones.

George J. Jones, deceased, was born at Harpers Ferry, Maryland, in 1850. He removed to Petrolia in 1872 and for many years conducted a jewelry business at this place. After his store was destroyed by fire in 1893 Mr. Jones became a jewelry salesman and continued in that line of business until his retirement in 1908. He died in March, 1924, and is buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, Petrolia. His widow was born at Templeton, Pennsylvania, and now resides at Karns City. Mr. Jones was a Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born seven children, as follows: Dora, married William Stewart, lives at Bruin, Pennsylvania, and they have two children, Helen and Mary; Flora, twin sister of Dora, married William Ostrander, lives at Karns City, and they have a daughter, Florence; Fred, lives at Bruin, Pennsylvania; George F., the subject of this sketch; Minnie, married Clifford Adams, lives at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania; Charles B., lives at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania; and Helen, deceased.

George F. Jones spent his boyhood at Petrolia and received his education in the public schools. He then learned the barber trade with Adam Heckler and later purchased Mr. Heckler's shop in partnership with his brother, Fred Jones. The business continued this way until 1909 when Mr. Jones became sole proprietor. He has remodeled the shop completely and it is equipped with new apparatus.

In 1909 Mr. Jones was married to Miss Florence Hinch, the daughter of Fred and Mary (Jennings) Hinch, of Petrolia. They have a son, Jennings Hinch Jones, born in 1913.

Mr. Jones is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is identified with the Republican party in politics and has served as auditor of the borough and as a member of the school board. He is favorably known in the community and has a wide acquaintance.

Dr. H. L. Davis is a successful and well known dentist of Chicora, where he has engaged in practice since 1913. He was born at Gol-inza, in Forest County, Pa., September 14, 1881, and is the son of Lee A. and Emma A. (Butler) Davis.

Lee A. Davis, who lives retired at Tionesta, Pennsylvania, was born at Westfield, New York, March 4, 1852. He spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. When he was nineteen years of age he became interested in the lumber business in Forest County, and for many years was one of the leading lumber men of that section, owning large tracts of fine timber land. He has lived retired since 1924. Mr. Davis is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife was born at Jamestown, New York, November 6, 1856. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born six children, as follows: Fred, born July 31, 1876, died November, 1913, is buried at Tionesta, Pennsylvania; George, born December 28, 1879, lives at Meadville, Pennsylvania; H. L., the subject of this sketch; Eva, born February 9, 1883, died in 1915, is buried at Bridgeport, Connecticut, was the wife of George H. Thomas; Archie, born March 9, 1886, lives at Bradford, Pennsylvania, and Nellie, born January 15, 1890, married Bert Sager, and they live at Tionesta, Pennsylvania.

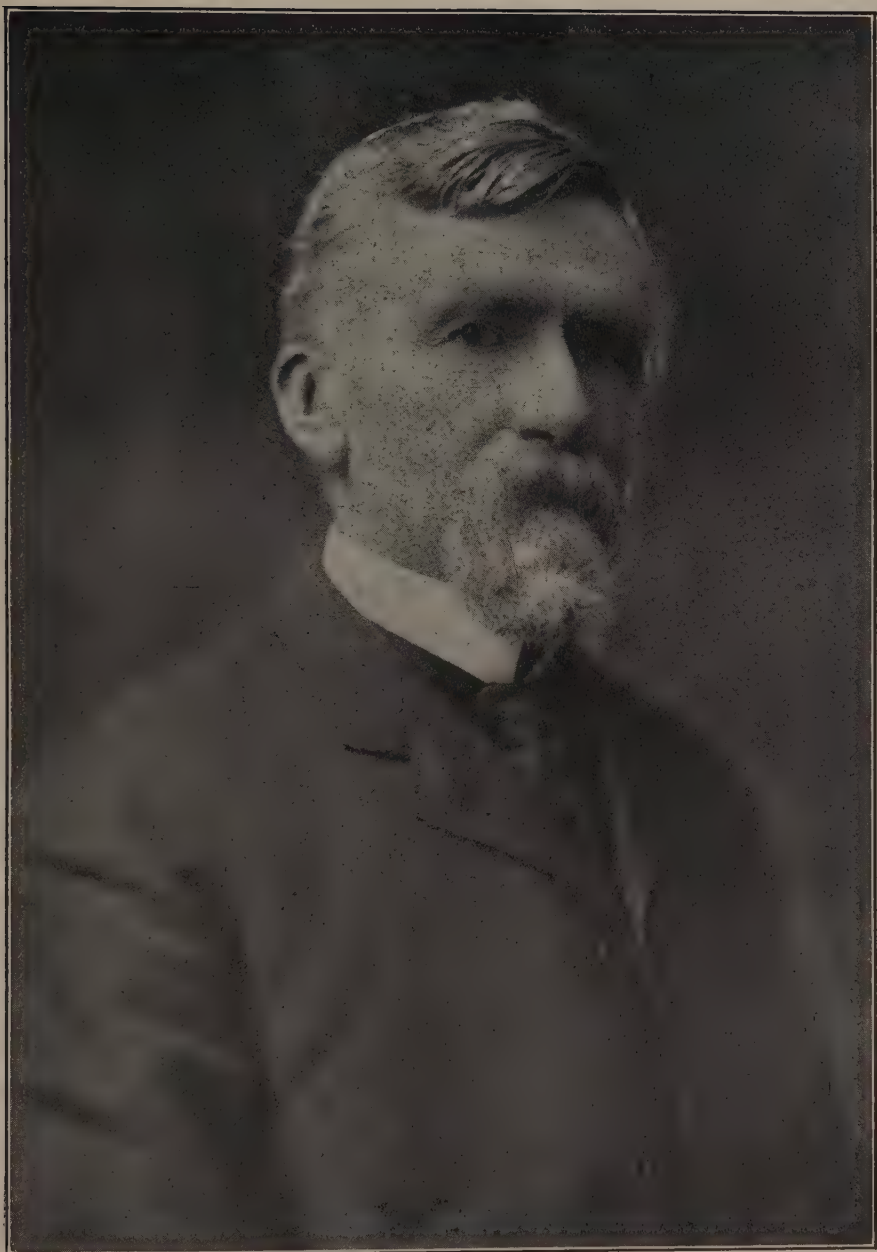
H. L. Davis received his early education in the public schools of Tionesta, and in 1906 received his degree from the Philadelphia Dental College. He then located at Kellettville, Pennsylvania, and continued his practice at that place until 1913, when he removed to Chicora.

In 1908 Doctor Davis was united in marriage with Miss Mildred E. Catlin, the daughter of M. F. and Ellen B. Catlin, natives of Chautauqua County, New York. Mr. Catlin is deceased, and his widow lives at Akron, Ohio. Doctor and Mrs. Davis have three children:

Kenneth, born in 1910; Esther Roberta, born in 1916; and Janet Louise, born in 1923. Mrs. Davis died February 7, 1927, and is buried in the Hemphill Cemetery, Chicora.

In politics Doctor Davis is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with Acacia Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 633; Occidental Chapter, R. A. M. No. 235; Lorain Commandery, K. T. No. 87; Pennsylvania Consistory 32nd A. A. S. R., Valley of Pittsburgh; Syria Temple; Syria Caravan No. 14; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Xi Psi Phi fraternity; and Ridge View Country Club. Doctor Davis is a progressive man in his profession and an excellent citizen of the community in which he lives.

Joseph L. Purvis, deceased, was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1838. He attended the public schools and Witherspoon Academy, at Butler, and a commercial college at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He then applied himself to the study of architecture in the office of H. M. Reed, of Pittsburgh, and he later became a partner with his father, Samuel G. Purvis, in the lumber and planing business. He was president of the Butler Savings Bank from 1887 to 1902. Mr. Purvis was recognized as one of the pioneer gas men in this section of the state, and he was one of the organizers of the Home Natural Gas Company, as well as of the Butler Water Works. He served as a member of the School Board of Butler for fourteen years, and served two terms as a member of the Board of Trustees of Westminster College. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he served as trustee and elder for years, and was one of the prime movers that the erection of the present church edifice was made possible. In politics he was a Democrat. He died April 6, 1907, and his widow died in 1918. He was married June 22, 1869, to Mary Ellen Bailey. Mr. Purvis died April 6, 1907, and his wife died in June, 1918. They are buried in North Cemetery, Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Purvis the following children were born: Mary, married W. E. Robinson, a prominent oil man, now engaged in agriculture, lives at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania; Samuel H., for many years connected with the S. G. Purvis & Company, now retired, lives



JOSEPH L. PURVIS

in Butler; William Bailey Purvis, born November 2, 1875, at Butler, a graduate of Westminster College, prepared for his profession at the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1901, with his degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of Butler County, July 13, 1901, and has been actively engaged in practice here since that time. In 1912 he was elected district attorney of Butler County, and served in that office until January, 1916. He is president of the Butler Savings & Trust Company, and a member of the firm of S. G. Purvis & Company, and a director of the North Side Cemetery Association. He served as secretary of the Butler Driving Park and Fair Association from 1905 until 1921. His fraternal affiliations are with Butler Lodge, F. and A. M.; New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree; Wilson L., manager of S. G. Purvis & Company, dealers in lumber, Butler, Pennsylvania; and Dr. Joseph Dixon, a physician of Butler, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Dixon Purvis was graduated from Butler High School in 1900, from Washington and Jefferson College in 1904, and from the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania in 1908. He then spent a year as interne at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, and then returned to Butler, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession.

Doctor Purvis is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the Butler County Medical Society, past president. He is affiliated with Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M., and is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Sterling Club, and the Butler Country Club. His fraternities are: Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Mu Pi Omega, and Alpha Omega Alpha.

Joseph L. Purvis was a son of Samuel G. Purvis, who was born May 8, 1808, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, the son of William and Isabel (Dixon) Purvis. Samuel G. Purvis was reared on his father's farm and when he was twenty-three years of age went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and learned the carpenter's trade. He settled in Butler in 1832, where he worked at his trade for two years on the construction of the Presbyterian Church. In 1834 he became a building contractor and continued in this business alone until 1867, when he took his son, Joseph L. Purvis, as a partner. In 1878 they gave up the contracting and building business in order to devote their

time to the lumber and planing mill interests. Samuel G. Purvis was a man of varied activities. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the Butler Waterworks, and at one time was owner of the Butler Democrat-Herald; was an original stockholder of the Butler & Allegheny Plank Road Company; president of the Butler Mutual Insurance Company from its organization until the time of his death; he served as justice of the peace for sixteen years, and also served on the school board. He was an elder and trustee of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he was an active worker. He married Elizabeth Logan, a daughter of Joseph Logan of Middlesex Township. He died May 28, 1879, and his wife died in April, 1892, and the remains of both are buried in North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania. To their union the following children were born: Joseph L., Isabel, Samuel D., Levi O., and Sarah J. Purvis.

George M. Yough is among the leading and successful business men of Petrolia, where he has spent his entire life. He was born here, February 22, 1879, and is the son of Casper and Mary (Roth) Yough.

Casper Yough was born in Germany and was sixteen years old when he came to this country and settled in Buffalo, New York. He learned the blacksmith's trade and in 1875 went to Pennsylvania during the oil boom. He spent the remainder of his life at Petrolia and is now deceased. His wife was born in Buffalo, New York, and is also deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Yough are buried at Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Andrew, deceased; John, lives at Petrolia; Leonard, lives at Petrolia; Mamie, married John McLaughlin, lives at Kaylor, Pennsylvania; Martha, married M. M. Hemphill, lives at Chicora, Pennsylvania; Thomas, lives at Petrolia; Agnes, deceased; Charles, lives at Kaylor, Pennsylvania; and George M., the subject of this sketch.

George M. Yough spent his boyhood at Petrolia and received his education in the public schools. At an early age he became interested in tailoring and was employed by W. I. Heer, of Petrolia. In 1905 he established his present business and has since conducted the leading men's furnishing and clothing store in the city.

In 1901 Mr. Yough was united in marriage with Miss Eva A. Morgan, the daughter of George and Anna (Slaugenopt) Morgan, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Kittanning, Pennsylvania. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Yough three children were born; Olyn, married Catherine Spence, lives at Petrolia; Margaret Levada, attends Slippery Rock State Normal School; and Dorothy Arleen, attends Fairview Township High School.

Mr. Yough is a Republican and has served as school director for the past ten years. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. He is a representative citizen of the community.

Adolphus A. Hoch, Sr., one of Chicora's leading citizens, is widely known throughout Butler County as a highly successful business man. He was born at Chicora, April 1, 1850, and is the son of Martin and Catherine (Gebhardt) Hoch.

Martin Hoch was born at Gennigen, Luebingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, February 15, 1820, the son of Jacob Hoch. In 1847 Martin Hoch went to England and after a short time came to the United States. He journeyed as far west as Erie, Pennsylvania, and from there to Pittsburgh and Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania. He owned and operated a brewery at Millerstown, Pennsylvania, in partnership with a brother, Gottlieb Hoch, and in 1855 disposed of his interest to his brother. Martin Hoch then came to Chicora and for many years owned and operated the Hoch Hotel. He later leased the hotel to Book brothers and retired from business in 1873. He died December 18, 1888, and is buried at Chicora. His wife died June 7, 1914.

On September 7, 1848, Mr. Hoch was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Gebhardt, who was born in Germany, February 28, 1822. She came to this country in 1847. To Martin and Catherine (Gebhardt) Hoch were born six children, as follows: Adolphus A., the subject of this sketch; Augustus, born February 22, 1852, deceased; Jacob and Martin, both deceased; Dr. Albert M., a physician, deceased; and Catherine Pauline, married M. Robinson, lives at Chicora.

Adolphus A. Hoch, Sr., was sixteen years old when he began an apprenticeship in his uncle's brewery. He became interested in the oil fields of Venango and Warren counties as a pumper in 1868 and three years later returned to Chicora and began operations as an oil operator. In 1876 and 1877 he became identified with the firm of Hoch Brothers and they erected the Central Hotel building. In 1883 they embarked in the hardware business and this is now one of the leading firms of the county, dealing in hardware and oil well supplies.

Mr. Hoch was one of the organizers of the Citizens Light & Fuel Company, which is now known as the Prospect Oil & Gas Company, of which he is director and secretary. He is also a director of the Guaranty Trust Company of Butler and is one of the largest land owners in the county, and also owns large tracts of land in Texas. Mr. Hoch was one of the organizers of the Producers Oil Company, Ltd., which was later sold to the Ohio City Gas Company.

On September 15, 1874, Mr. Hoch was married to Miss Sarah Nancy Campbell, the daughter of W. H. H. and Lucinda (Boozel) Campbell, natives of Butler County and both now deceased. Mrs. Hoch was born October 22, 1854, and died June 12, 1899. She is buried at Chicora. To them were born four children: Harry A., mention of whom is made below; Charles W., born Aug. 12, 1877, died January 15, 1910, buried at Chicora; Earl, born July 2, 1879, lives at Sistersville, West Virginia, and Adolphus A., Jr., born April 2, 1882, lives at Chicora, where he is identified with the Prospect Oil & Gas Company. Mr. Hoch was married the second time to Miss Daisy Bernard, and to them two sons were born: LeRoy A., born October 4, 1903, attends the University of Pittsburgh; and John Emerson, born August 2, 1905, attends the University of Pennsylvania.

Harry A. Hoch was born at Chicora, October 22, 1875. He was educated in the public schools and in 1899 was graduated from Grove City College. Later, he also received a degree from Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, New York. He then returned to Chicora and became identified with his father's business. In 1907 Mr. Hoch became a clerk with Hoch Brothers Hardware Company, and he has since devoted his entire time to this business enterprise. He was married in 1911 to Miss Alta Beryl Wiles, the daughter of S. M. and Jedida

(Jenkins) Wiles, natives of Wales, both now deceased. They have a daughter, Twyla Jean Hoch, who lives at home. Mr. Hoch is a Republican and holds membership in the First English Lutheran Church, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and is a 32nd degree Mason.

Adolphus A. Hoch has always taken an active part in the political affairs of Chicora and has served as burgess and president of the borough council. He is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and is affiliated with the following branches of the Masonic order: Argyle Lodge No. 540; Butler Chapter R. A. M. No. 273; Tankard Commandery K. T. Pittsburgh; Pennsylvania Consistory, 32nd degree, Pittsburgh; Syria Temple, Pittsburgh; and Syria Caravan No. 14, Butler.

Dr. J. L. Richey, of Chicora, is one of the leading dentists of Butler County. He was born in Butler, March 5, 1879, and is the son of Samuel and Isabelle (Bell) Richey.

Samuel Richey was born in Butler County and spent most of his life at Butler. He died in 1882 and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. His wife was born at Warren, Pennsylvania, and is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Richey were born nine children, as follows: William, lives retired at Butler; Tillie, lives at Warren, Pennsylvania; Nettie, married Rev. Kaum, lives at Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Mayme, lives at Butler; Emma, lives at Butler; Robert, lives at Butler; John, lives at Butler; Dr. J. L., the subject of this sketch; and Samuel, deceased.

After completing his early schooling in Butler, J. L. Richey was employed in the dental offices of Dr. George H. Jackson, of Butler. Later he entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, in Philadelphia, from which he received his degree in 1904. He then returned to Butler and engaged in the practice of his profession there until 1915. Since that date Doctor Richey has been located at Chicora, where he has an extensive practice.

Politically, Doctor Richey is a Democrat. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Loyal Order of Moose.

Edwin Wilson Humphrey is a representative citizen of Butler, where he is identified with the Butler County National Bank. He was born at Portersville, Butler County, December 14, 1873, and is the son of William and Elizabeth (Riddle) Humphrey.

Both William Humphrey and his wife were natives of Butler County and spent their entire lives in this section. William Humphrey was born on a farm in Worth Township, and died November 16, 1917. His wife was born in the same township and died September 7, 1925. Both are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Portersville.

Edwin Wilson Humphrey received his early education in the district schools of Portersville, where he spent his boyhood. He graduated from Grove City College in 1892, and from the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1897. He began his business career as a merchant at Portersville. For a number of years he has been interested in the banking business at Butler. During the World War he was chairman of the Butler County Liberty Loan drives, all of which were successful.

On October 12, 1911, Mr. Humphrey was united in marriage with Miss Mazie Leighner, of Butler, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John M. and Susan (Pillow) Leighner, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Leighner died January 11, 1919, and his wife died July 4, 1906.

In politics Mr. Humphrey has always been independent. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey hold membership in the First Presbyterian Church.

Elliott C. Dunlap, who is successfully engaged in the hardware business at Chicora, is a representative citizen of Butler County. He was born in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1861, and is the son of William and Margaret J. (Black) Dunlap.

William Dunlap, deceased, was a native of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. He was born July 16, 1837, and died February 10, 1911. He spent his early life on a farm. Mr. Dunlap served during the Civil War with the Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and participated in many important battles of the war, including Gettysburg and Fredericksburg. After his discharge from the army he

returned to his farm, where he remained until 1869. He then became an oil well worker in the fields of Venango County at Bradensburg, and three years later located on the Frederick farm near Chicora, where he was engaged in rig building for many years. Mr. Dunlap was a Republican and served as township constable. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic.

On April 29, 1859, Mr. Dunlap married Miss Margaret J. Black, who was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1840. She now resides at Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap ten children were born, as follows: Nancy, the widow of Evan Lewis, lives at Chicora; Elliott C., the subject of this sketch; Charles H., a farmer, lives near Chicora; Martha, married E. E. McCannon, lives in California; D. M., lives retired at Chicora; Harry G., lives at Chicora; W. T., lives at Los Angeles, California; Nettie, deceased; J. B., lives at Chicora; and Stella, married George Swartzlander, lives at Butler.

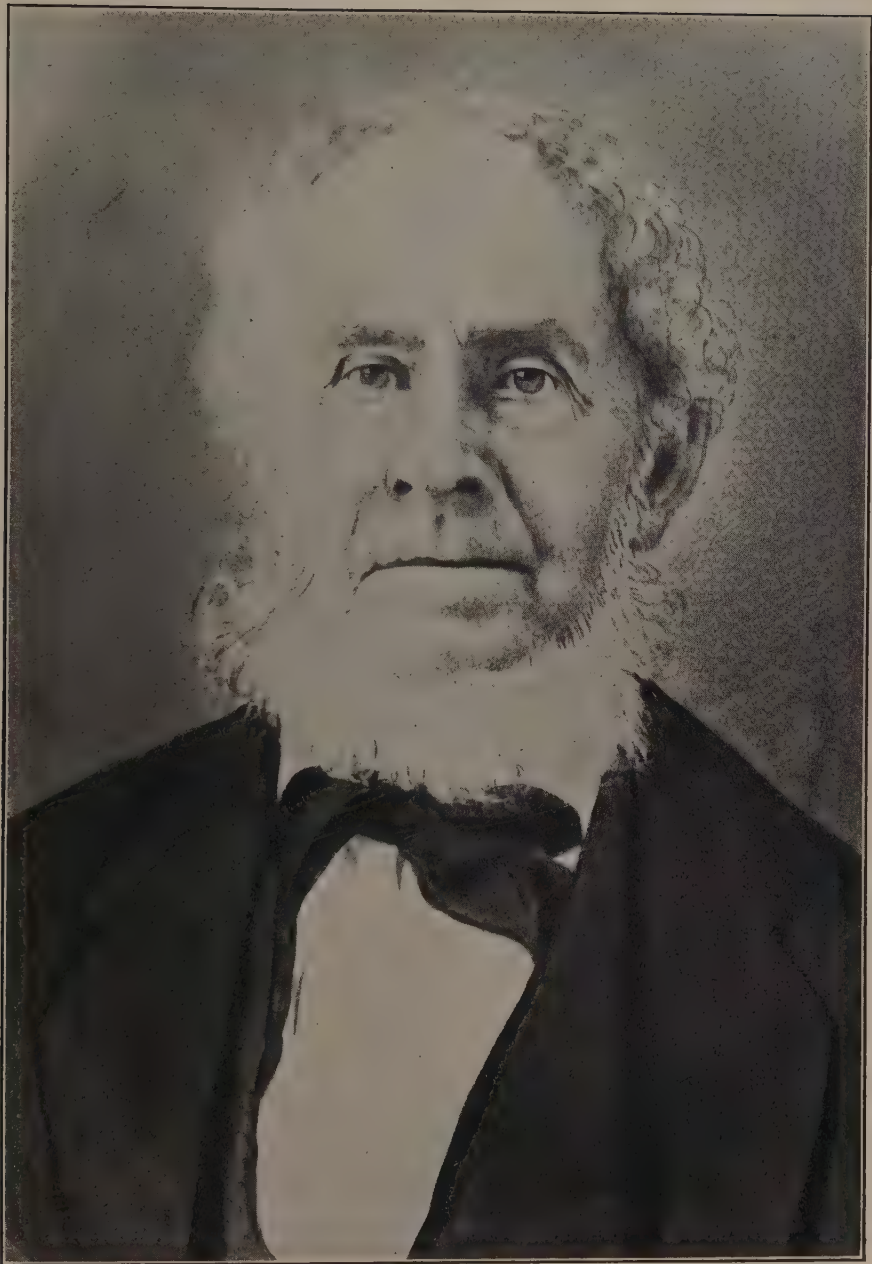
Elliott C. Dunlap attended the schools of Indiana, Venango, and Butler counties, and at an early age became interested in oil production in the fields of Butler and McKean counties. In 1908 he purchased the grocery business of H. C. Litzinger, and later sold the store to his son, Elliott V. Dunlap. On July 1, 1924, Mr. Dunlap acquired the hardware business of C. H. Johnson at Chicora, which he now manages. For a short time he also had the local agency for the Paige and Jewett automobiles. Throughout these years Mr. Dunlap has continued to own and operate oil wells in this section of the state and is one of the leaders in that particular field.

On October 22, 1884, Mr. Dunlap was married to Miss Emma E. Craig, the daughter of Theodore and Frederica (Gumpper) Craig, natives of Chicora. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have eight children, as follows: Rhoda May, married Andrew Hofmann, lives at Chicora and they have a son, Dean Dunlap Hofmann; Roy M., lives at Plumville, Pennsylvania, married Fleita Barnhart, and they have a daughter, Jane; Dorothy F., married Harvey R. Gold, lives at Butler, and they have two sons, Elliott T. and Roy; Elliott V., lives at Chicora, is a World War veteran, having served in France with Motor Transport Company No. 521; Jason C., lives at Chicora, is also a World War veteran, having served

in France with the Sixth Division; Harry H., married Josephine Pontius, and they have a son, Alfred; William Theodore, born in 1901, is associated in business with his father; and Alvin E., a student.

Mr. Dunlap is a Republican, and has served as a member of the city council for a year, and as school director for six years. He holds membership in the Methodist Church, is a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, of which he has been a member for forty-four years, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Edward Francis Hartman. Many years ago, before the Revolutionary War had been written on the early pages of the history of the American Colonies, a ship was making its way from Holland to the new country, with whose marvels the Old World was then all agog. Among her passengers were a young husband and wife by the name of Hartman, and before the long journey had been completed the mother had given birth to twin boys, Philip and Michael. Sad to say, however, the joy of seeing the new world was not realized by the young mother, who never recovered, but died and was buried at sea. The father and the boys settled near what is now Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and the boys grew up, reaching manhood in time to enlist on the side of the Colonies in the Revolution. Both brothers were soldiers, Philip serving under Captain Ogle. Philip Hartman became a pioneer settler in what is now Oakland Township, Butler County, where he had a farm, part of which is now the Weiland farm, and on which there is a family burying-plot still kept separate and believed to be the resting place of John Hartman, his son, who died while yet young. This section was little less than a wilderness at that time, many Indians being about. Philip Hartman took an active interest in civic affairs and served as a juror at a term of court beginning Tuesday, February 11, 1806, at Butler, with the Hon. Jesse Moore, the first presiding judge of the county on the bench, as the minutes show. His son, William Hartman, was born July 4, 1796, and, according to family tradition, was the first male white child born in Butler County. He died February 14, 1879. William Hartman married Anna Mary Winters, whose ancestors came from the beautiful Rhine city, Cologne, and they became the parents of ten children, one of whom was Edward Francis Hartman.



WILLIAM HARTMAN
Born July 4, 1796—Died February 14, 1879

Edward Francis Hartman was born on March 13, 1843, in Pattersons Mills, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, where his father had a blacksmith shop. When Edward F. was about seven years old the family moved to Donegal Township, Butler County, and here he attended public school, working on the farm as well. The family Bible of William Hartman, with the family record inscribed therein, now in possession of Edward Francis Hartman, and local annals of the county record these facts. In 1862 Edward Francis Hartman went to Walnut Bend on the Allegheny River, where oil had been discovered and where the business was being developed. Thus began his connection with the industry with which his name was thereafter prominently connected for many years. He later worked in the oil fields of Clarion, Armstrong and Butler counties, and in 1888 he became interested in the firm of the Hartman Oil Company, then composed of Joseph Hartman, his brother, and Joseph Hartman, Jr., his nephew. He continued with this company for a number of years, and engaged in other oil operations until his retirement from the oil business about 1905.

Politically Mr. Hartman stood in the rank and file of the Democratic party, but never sought office. He and his family are communicants of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, McKean Street, Butler.

Mr. Hartman was twice married. His first wife was Mary Horthy, who had come from County Galway, Ireland, when seven years of age. To them a son and three daughters were born: William A., a biography of whom follows; Mary Ann R., Stella, and Catherine Eva. His second marriage took place on January 8, 1895, when Josephine Green of Coylesville, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Susanna (Dugan) Green, became his wife. To this union was born a son, Gregory B. who served in France with the Seventh Division of the American Expeditionary Forces, and who is now a dentist in Detroit, Michigan.

William A. Hartman, son of Edward Francis and Mary (Horthy) Hartman (see preceding biography), was born on September 7, 1879. The family home was at that time at Kaylor, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. For generations the name Hartman appeared in the history of Butler County, one of the ancestors, having been among the

earliest settlers of that region, and as time passed the descendants spread across the line into Armstrong County also.

William A. Hartman attended the public schools in Armstrong and Butler counties, and parochial schools in Pittsburgh and Butler, and he also graduated from the Butler Business College. Very soon after he began his active career, he formed a connection with the American Mirror Works, and has remained with this concern ever since, being now its secretary and manager.

During the World War Mr. Hartman gave active aid to the drives which put across the Liberty Loans and the Red Cross campaigns in his city. In politics, he stands with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Butler Board of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

William A. Hartman married, in 1910, Elizabeth Killian, and to them were born four children: Margaret Mary, Elizabeth Jean, Edward Paul, and Katherine Estella. His wife was a victim of the terrible influenza epidemic which raged in 1918 and 1919. In 1921, Mr. Hartman married Katherine Margaret Killian, and she became the mother of twin daughters, Ann and Josephine, and a son, Philip. The family are members of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church of Butler.

The American Mirror Works, now located at the intersection of Grant and Maple avenues, South Side, Butler, has been developed since 1897, largely through the active interest of the Butler Board of Trade and the investment of Butler capital. It was in that year that John B. Snell, of St. Johnsville, New York, and his associates started the factory, one-half of the site for its plant having been given by the local Board of Trade. In 1898, Butler capital having been subscribed to the amount of \$10,000, the company was incorporated under the laws of the state. Mirrors, bevel plate glass, wood and metal mirror frames were its product, and immediate success attended the venture. In two years the capital had increased to \$25,000, and enlargements and extensions became necessary.

In 1908, when Mr. Snell went to Baltimore to engage in a similar line, the directors chose William A. Hartman as his successor. Under

the new management the business continued to grow steadily, and further space was needed, while a surplus has accumulated equal to the invested capital. When business conditions are brisk, thirty-five employes are engaged in manufacturing their wares, which are sent to all parts of our own country, and at times exporting considerable of their product to foreign lands. Mirrors and beveled plate glass are supplied to furniture manufacturers and wood working plants, framed wall mirrors and small wire easel mirrors are made up for jobbers, syndicates and dealers from nearly every state in the Union. Their plant, which stands on a piece of land 80x125 feet, is a three-story building constructed of brick and frame. It is fitted up with steam heat, elevator, beveling, silvering, wire forming and other machinery of the latest type, and their finished articles are second to none. The present officers of the corporation are: L. S. McJunkin, president; Theodore C. K. Keck, vice president and treasurer; William A. Hartman, secretary and manager; T. Koch and L. H. McDowell, directors. All these officers are citizens of Butler.

Ralph W. E. Hoch, who is identified with the hardware firm of Hoch Brothers, Chicora, ranks high among the enterprising and successful business men of Butler County. He was born at Chicora, February 6, 1882, and is the son of Augustus and Elizabeth (Krug) Hoch.

Augustus Hoch, second son of Martin and Catherine Hoch, was born at Millerstown, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1852, and grew to maturity in his native town, receiving his education in the public schools. At the age of fourteen years he started in life for himself as an oil pumper, and followed that business for six years. He then returned to Millerstown and engaged in the livery business, which he conducted for three years. He later returned to the oil business and has since developed into one of the most extensive producers in the Millerstown field. In 1877 Mr. Hoch became associated with his brother under the firm name of Hoch Brothers, and they have continued to conduct this hardware business, and also are owners of the Central Hotel. Mr. Hoch was also a member of the firm of Seiber,

Hoch & Company, owners and operators of a lumber yard and planing mill at Millerstown. In 1877 Mr. Hoch married Miss Elizabeth Krugh of Winfield Township, Butler County, the daughter of Henry and Barbara Krugh. Mr. Hoch is a Republican, a member of the German Lutheran Church, and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias. To Augustus and Elizabeth (Krugh) Hoch two sons were born: Martin G., married Blanche Simpson, lives at Chicora, where he is identified with Hoch Brothers, and he is also president of the Prospect Gas Company; and Ralph W. E., the subject of this sketch.

Ralph W. E. Hoch attended the public schools of Chicora and Slippery Rock State Normal School. He has always been interested in his father's various business enterprises and has devoted most of his time to the hardware business. He is also an extensive owner of real estate throughout the county.

In 1910 Mr. Hoch was united in marriage with Miss Ameta Frederick, the daughter of E. G. and Louise (Campfire) Frederick. The former is deceased and the latter resides at Chicora.

Politically Mr. Hoch is a Republican and he has served as burgess of Chicora. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Butler Country Club and the Ridge View Country Club.

Clayton S. Bell, the capable young postmaster of Chicora, is a successful merchant of that place, and a veteran of the World War. He was born at North Washington, in Butler County, April 2, 1894, and is the son of E. E. and Anna (Shira) Bell.

E. E. Bell, who resides on the old Bell homestead in Washington Township, Butler County, is a native of this county. He has always been interested in general farming and operates 100 acres of well improved land. He is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is also a native of Butler County, and they are the parents of the following children: LeRoy, lives at North Washington, Pennsylvania, married Bessie Fair and they have three children, Dorothy, Dean and Aldean, twins; Clayton S., the subject of this sketch; Harold K., lives at Anandale, Pennsylvania, married Mildred Hindman, and they have

a daughter, Mary Anna; and Charles, lives at North Washington, Pennsylvania, married Florence Walley.

Clayton S. Bell grew up on his father's farm and received his early education in the public schools of Washington Township. He was graduated from North Washington Institute in 1912 and began his business career with the Pennsylvania Railway Company. In 1916 he entered the employ of the Butler Bolt & Rivet Company at Butler. He enlisted for service in the World War on December 13, 1917, and was sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio, as a member of the Three Hundred and Twenty-third Field Artillery, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Brigade, Eighty-third Division. He went to France in June, 1918, and participated in several important engagements of the war, including the battle of St. Mihiel and the Argonne and Meuse drives. He later was in Germany with the Army of Occupation and was discharged on May 25, 1919. Mr. Bell then went with the Standard Steel Car Company and in 1921 entered the employ of the Ruff Shoe Company at Butler as a clerk. In 1923 he removed to Chicora, where he has since been successful as a shoe dealer. He has served as postmaster since July 1, 1926.

In 1919 Mr. Bell was married to Miss Leafy E. Sutton, the daughter of O. D. and Cora (Kelly) Sutton, of Bruin, Pennsylvania. They have two sons: Robert Clayton, born March 8, 1923; and William Kenneth, born March 20, 1924.

Mr. Bell is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has a wide acquaintance in the community and is well liked.

George D. Smith, treasurer of Butler County, ranks among the representative and public spirited citizens of the county. He was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1886, and is the son of J. Dell and Sarah (Eisler) Smith.

J. Dell Smith is a prosperous farmer of Center Township, Butler County, where he has resided for forty years. He was born in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and in early life was interested in the lumber

business. Since his removal to Butler County he has engaged in general farming and stock raising. His wife was born in Summit Township, Butler County, and died in 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had four children: Mabel, married C. F. Cranmer, lives at Tulsa, Oklahoma; Jeannette, deceased; George D., the subject of this sketch; and Charles F., married Hilda Schenck, lives in Center Township, Butler County.

George D. Smith attended the public schools of Butler County and Sunbury Academy. He later was enrolled as a student in Piersoll's Academy at Bridgewater, Pennsylvania, and Butler Business College. Mr. Smith taught school in this county for three years, after which he spent fourteen years with the Butler County National Bank of Butler. He then served as assistant cashier of the Lyndora National Bank for three years and on January 4, 1926, began his term of office as county treasurer of Butler County.

On November 23, 1911, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Iva B. Elliott, of Freeport, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Dr. H. H. and Martha (Gilfillan) Elliott. They have two daughters, Virginia Elliott and Sarah Jeannette.

Mr. Smith has always been a Republican. He holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Butler County Grange.

J. Clinton Atwell, M. D. Ranking high among the representative physicians and surgeons of Butler is Doctor Atwell, who has practiced his profession in this city for twenty-eight years with honor and exceptional ability. He was born in Marion Township, Butler County, March 25, 1874, and is the son of David M. and Massie (Davenspeck) Atwell.

David M. Atwell was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, and in early life was a farmer. Later he engaged in general contracting in the oil fields of Oil City and Parkers Landing and Clarion County, Pennsylvania. He died in 1916. His widow, who lives in Butler, is a native of North Washington, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Atwell the following children were born: Harry P., Tidioute, Pennsylvania;

Catherine, married A. P. Painter, Conneaut, Ohio; George, deceased; Samuel, deceased; David F., lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania; Mabel, wife of Dr. Ralph King, lives at Sharon, Pennsylvania; Margaret, wife of Benjamin Van Dyke, Albany, New York; Olive, married Joseph Staley Butler; and J. Clinton, the subject of this sketch.

After completing his early schooling in the district schools of Marion Township, J. Clinton Atwell attended Slippery Rock State Normal School and West Sunbury Academy. He then took up the study of medicine and in 1898 received his degree from the Medico-Chirurgical College. Doctor Atwell immediately took up his residence in Butler and the practice of his profession, in which he has met with marked success.

Doctor Atwell was married in 1900 to Miss Mollie B. Jennings, the daughter of Henry and Mary (Jose) Jennings, of Butler. Mr. Jennings is deceased and his widow lives in this city. To Doctor and Mrs. Atwell were born three children: Bess, deceased; Marion, the wife of Charles N. Midberry, lives at Harrisville, Pennsylvania; and Jennings Clinton, lives at home.

Doctor Atwell is a Republican, an active member of the First United Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Session. He belongs to the Sterling Club. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, and is identified with the Butler County Medical Society, Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. He is also an associate member of the Academy of Medicine of Pittsburgh.

R. George Morgan, county commissioner, is well and favorably known in Butler County, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born at Parkers Landing, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1865, and is the son of James A. and Mary A. (Taylor) Morgan.

James A. Morgan, deceased, was a prominent citizen of Butler County. He was a native of Ireland and in 1853 emigrated to this country and settled on a farm near Maple Furnace, in Butler County, where he remained for some time. He then conducted a general mer-

cantile business at Parkers Landing until 1870, when he located at Foxburg. In 1884 he removed to Parker Township, Butler County, and settled on the present Morgan homestead, where he died in 1906. His wife was also born in Ireland and came to this country in 1859. She died in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan had four children: J. Taylor, died in 1917; Jane Dunn, died in 1877; Samuel, lives at Greensburg, Pennsylvania; and R. George, the subject of this sketch.

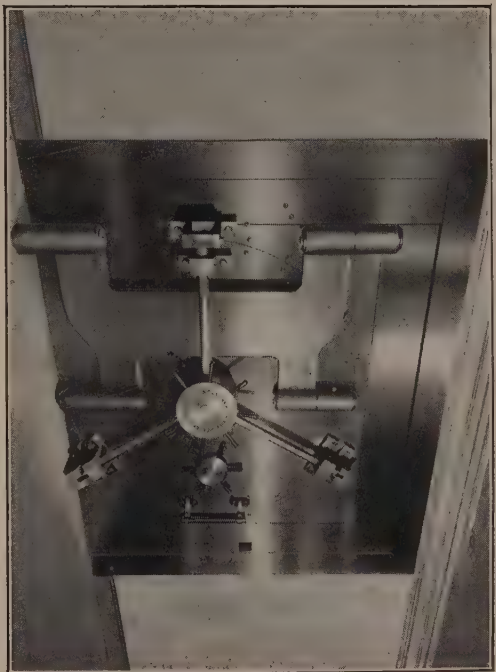
R. George Morgan received his education in the schools of Foxburg and has always been interested in general farming and stock raising on the family homestead in Parker Township. He has served as county commissioner of Butler County since January 7, 1924.

Politically Mr. Morgan is identified with the Republican party. He has served as a member of the school board since 1898 and is now secretary of the School Board of Parker Township. He attends the Presbyterian Church and has a wide acquaintance in the community.

The Farmers National Bank of Butler was organized and incorporated July 2, 1900. Its officers were John Younkings, president; John Humphrey, vice president; C. A. Bailey, cashier; E. W. Bingham, assistant cashier; John Younkings, John Humphrey, C. N. Boyd, Francis Humphrey, David Cleland, Levi M. Wise, E. E. Abrams, W. F. Metzgar, Thomas Hays, and Henry Miller, directors. The bank was capitalized at \$100,000, and this, in January, 1921, was increased to \$250,000. The bank was originally located at 240 South Main Street, but in January, 1922, the present beautifully appointed building was opened, erected by the firm of Simons, Button & English, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The present officers of the bank are: John Younkings, president; C. N. Boyd, vice president; R. W. Dixon, cashier; A. R. Willaims, assistant cashier; John Younkings, John J. MacKinney, Edward E. Abrams, Russell W. Dixon, Christopher F. Hays, S. Bert Mertincourt, Charles N. Boyd, John Laing Wise, William B. Campbell, R. W. E. Hoch, and Zeno F. Henninger, directors. At the close of business on April 6, 1925, this financial statement of the bank was made: Resources: Loans, \$1,297,848.17; stocks and securities, \$37,300; United States bonds, \$104,419.28; banking house and other



Interior of Bank



The Vault



Cashier's Office



Ladies' Room

real estate, \$199,916.66; cash and due from banks, \$178,942.52; total, \$1,818,426.63. The liabilities were: Capital, \$250,000; surplus and profits, \$280,766.01; circulation, \$99,250; deposits, \$1,188,410.62; total, \$1,818,426.63.

On June 6, 1927, the consolidation of The Farmers National Bank with The Butler County National Bank of Butler was effected, under the name of the latter. As a result of the consolidation the enlarged institution is a combination of two old established and widely known banking houses with assets of over \$13,500,000.

Russell W. Dixon, well known as the cashier of the Farmers National Bank of Butler, Pennsylvania, was born in Butler County, January 19, 1880, the son of Winfield S. and Annie L. (Balph) Dixon.

Winfield S. Dixon was a farmer and oil well operator of Butler, where he now lives retired at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife now seventy-three years of age. Mr. Dixon is a Republican, and served as justice of the peace in Penn Township, treasurer of the Penn Township School Board, and one term as treasurer of Butler County. He is a member of the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Dixon seven children were born: (1) Clarence, proprietor of Dixon's Pharmacy; (2) Russell W., the subject of this sketch; (3) Dr. Charles, a graduate of Grove City College, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, now practicing his profession in that city, is a veteran of the World War. He served in France and in the Army of Occupation in Germany, and was discharged with the rank of major in the U. S. Medical Corps; (4) Homer, a salesman, lives in Butler; (5) Frank, a World War veteran, now a salesman, Butler; (6) Paul, a commission agent, Sinclair Oil Company, Butler, also a veteran of the World War; and Presley, a salesman, lives in Butler.

Mr. Dixon was educated in the public schools, a collegiate institute, and the Slippery Rock Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. For two years after his graduation Mr. Dixon was engaged as paymaster for the American Tin Plate Company, of New Castle, Pennsylvania. After this employment he returned to Butler, and for six months acted as deputy county treas-

urer of Butler County. On March 9, 1903, he accepted the position of teller in the Farmers National Bank, and this place he held for three years. After this period Mr. Dixon was made assistant cashier, and in 1910 he was elected cashier, a position he has retained ever since.

In fraternal circles Mr. Dixon is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is treasurer of the Butler Kiwanis Club, and is a member of the Butler Board of Commerce and the Butler Country Club. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a member of the First Methodist Church.

On June 12, 1920, Mr. Dixon was married to Miss Gaynelle McAnallen, a native of West Sunbury, Butler County. She is the daughter of Austin and Viola (Ralston) McAnallen. Mr. McAnallen is deceased. He was a well-known farmer of Clay Township. His widow now resides on the farm. Mrs. Dixon is a graduate of West Sunbury Academy.

George Bob Wick, mayor of Butler, is a veteran of the World War and a representative and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County. He was born in this city, August 29, 1879, and is the son of Alfred and Sarah Ann (Meckling) Wick.

Alfred Wick, deceased, was a native of Butler County, where he spent his entire life. He was born in Clay Township and in early life engaged in general farming and stock raising. In 1875 he removed to Butler, where he successfully operated the Wick House for twenty-five years. Later he was interested in the oil business here as a producer. He died in 1905, and his wife, a native of Washington Township, Butler County, died in 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Wick had six children, as follows: Alice, died in 1907, was the wife of James M. Moore, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Mary W., married David E. Dale; Stella W., married Alonzo E. Russell; Sarah Blanche Wick, lives at Poughkeepsie, New York; Dr. Francis G., a professor of physics at Vassar College; and George Bob, the subject of this sketch.

After completing his early schooling in Butler, George Bob Wick entered Washington and Jefferson College. He became interested in the study of music and spent five years in New York City in pro-

fessional study and grand opera work. He spent three years with the Sauvage Grand Opera Company and then located in Butler, where he established himself in studio and professional work. He also opened a studio in Pittsburgh and continued in this work for eight years. Mr. Wick served as baritone soloist in the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh from 1917 until 1925, and for the past twelve years has had complete charge of the teaching of music in the senior high schools of Butler. He was also a member of the faculty of Grove City College for two years.

On December 24, 1908, Mr. Wick was married to Miss Lucille Walker, of Butler, the daughter of Clarence and Libby (McJunkin) Walker, both deceased. They have a daughter, Betty Wick.

Mr. Wick is a Republican in politics and has served as Butler's efficient mayor since 1925. He holds membership in the First Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Butler Country Club, and Sterling Club. He is the city's only Rotary Club charter member and is also an honorary member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. During the late war he served in the U. S. Army for two years, in the capacity as army song leader, and was located during most of that time in the Virginia district at Hampton Roads, Fort Monroe, the Norfolk naval base, as well as Camp Stewart and Camp Hill, at Newport News.

Dr. Harry W. Wick is an enterprising and successful dentist of Butler, where he has engaged in practice continuously since 1899. He was born at Buena Vista, Pennsylvania, May 14, 1870, and is the son of William Miller and Martha (McClung) Wick.

William Miller Wick spent most of his life as a farmer in Oakland Township. He was later interested in oil production in Concord and Oakland Townships. He died in the latter township in 1919. His wife died in 1922. To Mr. and Mrs. Wick were born the following children: Harry W., the subject of this sketch; W. P., R. R., Jessie P., Clyde C., Ora, Robert, Charles, Mildred, and LaVerne Hutchinson.

Harry W. Wick received his education in the public schools of Buena Vista, Pennsylvania, and Oakland Township, and also attended

Slippery Rock State Normal School. From 1895 until 1897 he attended the Ohio Dental College, Cincinnati, and in 1898 graduated from the University of Pittsburgh. He then established his present practice in Butler and has offices in the Savings Bank & Trust Company Building.

On March 25, 1914, Doctor Wick was married to Miss Emma Balph. She was born at 218 West Main Street, Butler, Pennsylvania, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Balph. Mr. Balph was a teacher in the public schools of Butler. He and his wife are deceased.

Doctor Wick is a Republican, a member of the Elks Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Butler County Dental Society and is a progressive man in his profession.

Dr. Thomas Maxwell is one of Butler's prominent physicians and surgeons, where he has engaged in practice for the past twenty-four years. He was born at Worthington, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1878, and is the son of Dr. John K. and Nancy (Huston) Maxwell.

Dr. John K. Maxwell, deceased, was a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania. He was well known at Worthington, where he followed his profession as a successful physician and surgeon for fifty-one years. He died in 1903. His widow, a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, resides at Clarks Mills, Pennsylvania. To Doctor and Mrs. Maxwell the following children were born: Ella M., married R. B. Fullerton, Detroit, Michigan; William, died in 1911; John R., lives at Butler, Pennsylvania; Dr. Thomas, the subject of this sketch; Robert C., lives at Urbana, Illinois; Jennie C., deceased; and Helen S., married Roscoe R. Simons, lives at Clarks Mills, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Thomas Maxwell was graduated from the public schools of Worthington and Kittanning and also attended Grove City College. He studied medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and after his graduation in 1903 established his present practice at Butler. Doctor Maxwell is a member of the staff of Butler Memorial Hospital, and for seven years served as a member of the board of health. He was also a member of the local school board for fourteen years. He has offices at 124 West Cunningham Street.

Doctor Maxwell was married June 2, 1904, to Miss Mary B. Claypoole, the daughter of James E. and Elizabeth (Morrison) Claypoole, of Worthington, Pennsylvania. They have four children: Nancy Elizabeth, Mary Louise, William Thomas, and Robert James.

Doctor Maxwell is a Republican and a member of the Rotary Club of Butler. He is also a member of the Butler County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Doctor Maxwell is progressive in his profession and has a host of friends and acquaintances in Butler.

C. H. Gould, secretary and treasurer of the Community Savings & Loan Company, is a leading business man of Butler and a veteran of the World War. He was born in East Palestine, Ohio, May 11, 1884, and is the son of George and Isabelle (Atchinson) Gould.

George Gould, deceased, was a native of Yorkshire, England. He was ten years of age when his parents came to this country and settled at Leechburg, Pennsylvania. He spent the greater part of his life at East Palestine, Ohio, where he was general superintendent of the Goff-Kirby Coal Company mines. He died in 1912. His widow, a native of East Palestine, now resides at Grove City, Pennsylvania. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gould: William A., deceased; George; C. H., the subject of this sketch; Kirby; and Helen.

After completing his early schooling at East Palestine, C. H. Gould attended Slippery Rock Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1912. He spent the following two years at Grove City College and then engaged in teaching in the schools of Venango County, Pennsylvania. He also spent a year as a member of the faculty of East Palestine High School. Mr. Gould then became interested in the grocery business at Elwood City and owned a large business there for nine years. Later he engaged in the coal business in Butler. Since the establishment of the Community Savings & Loan Company in November, 1925, he has been connected with that institution as secretary and treasurer. The other officers of the company are: Paul E. Green, president; C. E. Block, vice president; and John McClung, vice president.

In 1918 Mr. Gould was united in marriage with Miss Jean Krohn, of New Castle, Pennsylvania. They have a son, Charles Krohn Gould.

During the World War Mr. Gould served as a member of the Ambulance Corps at Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

Mr. Gould is a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the American Legion and Kiwanis Club. He lives at 910 East Pearl Street.

Dwight Lambie McCandless, M. D. Ranking high among the leading young physicians and surgeons of Butler is Dr. D. L. McCandless, who is a veteran of the World War. He was born on a farm in Franklin Township, Butler County, July 3, 1885, and is the son of Alonzo and Marion (Allen) McCandless.

Alonzo McCandless, who lives retired at Butler, is a native of Butler County. For many years he was a prosperous and well known farmer and stockman of Franklin Township. His wife is also a native of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. McCandless six children were born: Nellie; Rev. W. T.; Dr. Harvey A., lives at Butler; Arthur; and D. L., the subject of this sketch.

Dwight Lambie McCandless attended the district schools of Franklin Township, after which he completed a course at Westminster College. He then entered the Medical School of the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received his degree in 1913. Doctor McCandless served as interne at Columbia Hospital at Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania, and since 1914 has engaged in the practice of his profession at Butler.

Doctor McCandless was married March 26, 1919, to Miss Florence Marie Schaffer, a native of St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Matilda (Fink) Schaffer. Mr. Schaffer is deceased and his widow lives in Butler. To Doctor and Mrs. McCandless have been born two children: Betty Brooks and Dwight Lambie, Jr.

During the World War Doctor McCandless served as a first lieutenant of the Medical Corps at Camp Dix, New Jersey. He is a member of St. Paul's Reform Church, Phi Rho Sigma fraternity, and belongs to the American Legion and Elks Lodge. Doctor McCandless is a member of the American Medical Association. He is a Republican.

George R. Kearns is a prominent young man of Butler and a member of one of the county's oldest families. He was born in this city, July 17, 1894, and is the son of Henry E. and Elizabeth (Reihing) Kearns.

Henry E. Kearns, deceased, was a native of Butler, where he spent his entire life. He was prominent in this section as a horse fancier and was interested in the promotion of horse racing on a large scale. He died in 1905. His widow, also a native of this city, lives here. Mr. and Mrs. Kearns had the following children: George R., the subject of this sketch; Albert, Butler, Pennsylvania; Annie, at home; Harry, Butler; William, Butler; James, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and John, deceased.

George R. Kearns attended the public and high schools of Butler and for a number of years was connected with the local postoffice. He was also in charge of the Bureau of Weights and Measures in Butler County. In November, 1925, Mr. Kearns was elected alderman, in which capacity he now serves.

Mr. Kearns is a Republican, a member of the First English Lutheran Church, and Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Duck Run Hunting and Fishing Club. He has a wide acquaintance in the city and many friends.

Charles S. Millér is an enterprising and progressive business man of Butler, where he is identified with the Miller Printing Company. He was born at Centerville, Ohio, November 4, 1880, and is the son of John Edward and Izura May (Sebring) Miller.

John Edward Miller is a native of Bellbrook, Ohio, and his wife was born at that place also. They have three children: Earl L., Lillian, and Charles S.

Charles S. Miller spent his boyhood in Lima and received his education in the public schools of that place. He engaged in the general mercantile business there for several years and in 1896 removed to Bowling Green, Ohio, where he learned the printer's trade. He came to Butler in 1906 and worked on the Butler Eagle for eight years. He spent the following two years as foreman and manager of the

"Clean Commonwealth," and then went with the Butler Daily Times. Mr. Miller became interested in the printing business in partnership with Mark Heck as proprietor of the Modern Print Shop, but later sold this plant and established the Miller Print Shop, which he successfully conducted until 1914, when he became a member of the present firm, which is composed of T. M. Baker, R. A. Mickley, and Mr. Miller. They do general job printing and have a modern plant at 309-11 South McKean Street.

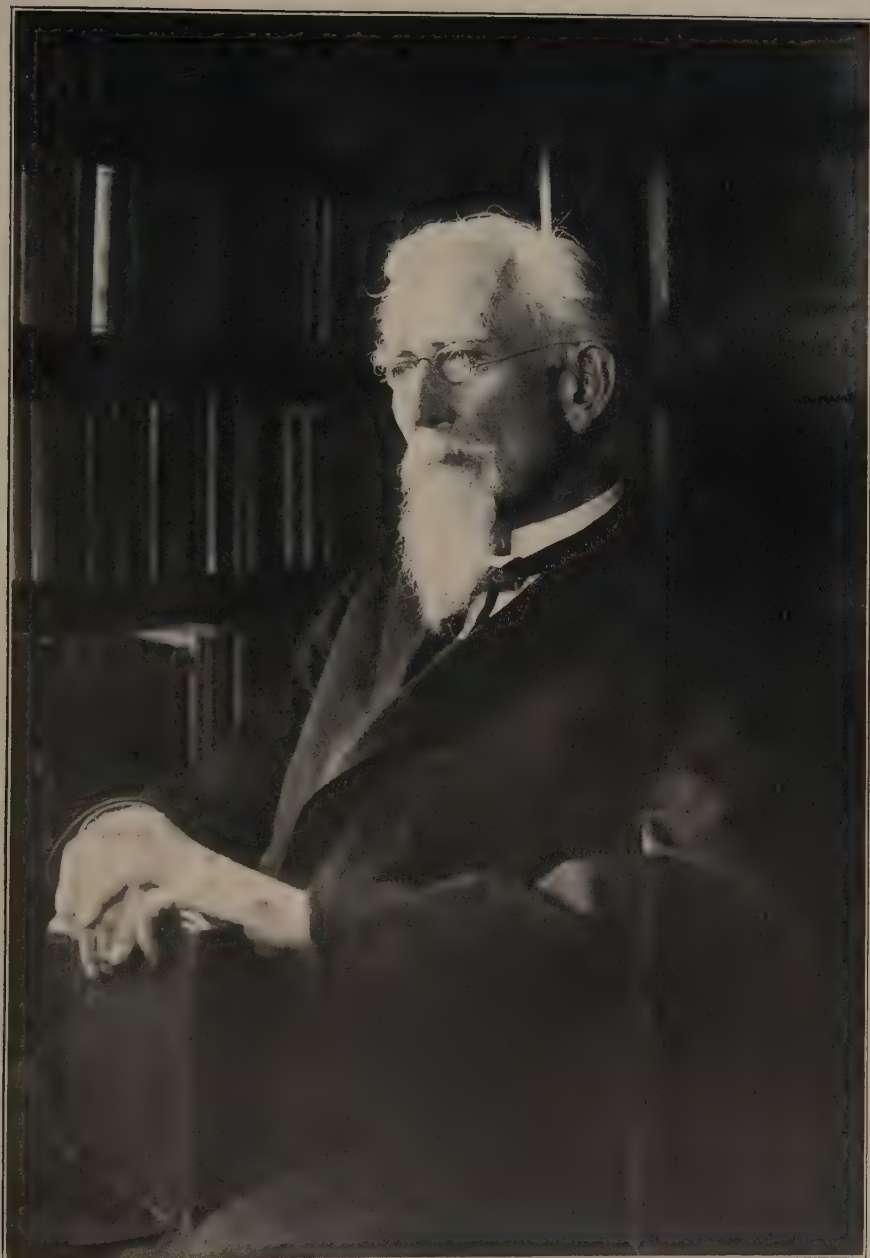
In 1907 Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Anna L. Selfridge, of Patton, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Willis R. and Margaret Selfridge.

Mr. Miller is a Republican, a member of the First English Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Commercial Travelers, Loyal Order of Moose, Nomads, Eagles Lodge, American Insurance Union, and D. O. K. K. He has a wide acquaintance in the city and is well liked.

Rev. Emanuel Cronenwett, D. D., Litt. D., pastor emeritus of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, is an influential and widely known citizen of Butler. He was born near Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 22, 1841, and is the son of Rev. George and Magdalene (Knab) Cronenwett.

Rev. George Cronenwett was born in Baden, Germany, and was an early settler of northern Ohio, where he was widely known as a minister of the Lutheran Church. His wife was also a native of Germany.

After completing his schooling at Woodville, Ohio, Emanuel Cronenwett attended Capital University, at Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1861. He then took up the study of theology at that institution and was ordained in 1863. Reverend Cronenwett was located at Carrollton, Ohio, for a number of years and was a circuit preacher, in charge of seven parishes. In 1870 he went to Wooster, Ohio, where he remained four years, and from there he was transferred to Delaware, Ohio. He has been a resident of Butler since 1877 and was actively connected with church work in this city until his retirement in 1920 as active pastor, when he be-



REV. EMANUEL CRONENWETT

came pastor emeritus of Saint Mark's. Since that time he has ministered to the spiritual needs of the older members of the congregation with German services at stated intervals. He has been instrumental in the extensive growth of the Lutheran faith in this section of the state and has devoted his entire life to this work. Reverend Cronenwett is the author of many Lutheran Church hymns, which have been published in book form and widely used.

On August 21, 1864, Reverend Cronenwett was united in marriage with Miss Eva Helfrich, of Carrollton, Ohio, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Stemple) Helfrich, the former a native of Hessen, Germany, and the latter of West Virginia. To Reverend and Mrs. Cronenwett were born ten children, as follows: Emma, married W. H. Goehring, lives at Butler; Lillian, deceased; Carl, married Lola Bess Robertson, lives at Butler, Pennsylvania; Paul, married Anna Aggas, lives at Butler; Anna, deceased; George, deceased; Ernest, married Nan Kelley, lives at Butler; Alberta, married James E. Marshall, lives at Butler; Verna, married Frank Reiman, lives at Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania; and John, deceased.

Reverend Cronenwett was connected with Capital University at Columbus, Ohio, as chairman of the board of directors, and also served in the offices of the Lutheran Church Senate for many years.

Locally, Reverend Cronenwett proved a powerful factor by his pulpit and newspaper work in helping to influence public opinion towards the erection of a County Home, thus eliminating one of the greatest evils that had befallen our local charity, that of farming out the indigent.

C. E. Cronenwett, who has been identified with the Butler Savings & Trust Company since 1888, ranks high among the representative business men and leading citizens of this city. He was born at Carrollton, Ohio, February 1, 1869, and is the son of Rev. Emanuel and Eva Catherine (Helfrich) Cronenwett. A complete sketch of Reverend Cronenwett appears elsewhere in this history.

After receiving his early schooling at Delaware, Ohio, and in Butler public schools, C. E. Cronenwett attended Woodville (Ohio)

Normal School. He began his business career with the Butler Savings & Trust Company when nineteen years of age and has since been associated with this well known banking institution, now serving as assistant secretary and treasurer.

On July 7, 1897, Mr. Cronenwett was united in marriage with Miss Lola Bess Robertson, the daughter of Wilson and Louise B. Robertson. They have three sons: Charles, lives at Butler, Pennsylvania; John, lives at Chicago, Illinois; and Wilson, lives at home.

Mr. Cronenwett is a Democrat and has always been active in school work in Butler, having served as school director for twelve years. During his term of office he was an active factor in the erection of the West End and the present Junior High School buildings. He holds membership in St. Mark's Lutheran Church and belongs to the Rotary Club.

In addition to his chosen profession, Mr. Cronenwett is actively engaged in humanitarian work, being secretary-treasurer of the Associated Charities of Butler and president of the Butler County Humane Society. He lives at 238 West Pearl Street.

Alfred J. Gumpfer. Ranking high among the substantial citizens and reliable business men of Butler is Alfred J. Gumpfer, who has served as manager of the Vogeley Insurance Agency in this city since 1897. He is a native of this county, born August 26, 1878, and the son of Henry and Sarah (Balph) Gumpfer.

Both Henry Gumpfer and his wife are deceased. They were born in Butler County, where they spent their entire lives. Mr. Gumpfer was interested in the general mercantile business at Chicora for many years and was successful. Mr. and Mrs. Gumpfer had four children: Minnie, the widow of Theodore Vogeley, resides in Butler; Edgar, deceased; Alfred J., the subject of this sketch; and Ada, wife of L. E. McElheney, Butler, Pennsylvania.

Alfred J. Gumpfer spent his boyhood in Butler County and is a graduate of Butler High School. He has been with the Vogeley Insurance Agency continuously since 1897 and holds a very responsible position with this well-known insurance firm.

In March, 1908, Mr. Gumpper was married to Miss Annie Laurie Wilson, the daughter of Charles C. and Elizabeth Wilson. They have six children: Sarah Elizabeth, Catherine Louise, Alfred Henry, John Wilson, Ada Lucille, and Richard Vernon.

Mr. Gumpper is a director of the Butler Savings & Trust Company and is secretary and treasurer of the Butler Country Club. He is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Sterling Club. He is also city controller of Butler, having been elected to this office for three terms. He has served in this capacity since 1918.

Harry Wimer. Some of the finest and largest buildings in Butler and Beaver Counties have been erected by Harry Wimer, who has been recognized for some years past as one of the foremost building contractors of Western Pennsylvania. He was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1874, the son of Philip S. and Rebecca J. (Love) Wimer. His father fought in the artillery ranks of the Union Army during the Civil War. When hostilities were ended he returned to Butler County and took up farming. He died in 1909.

Harry Wimer attended the public schools of Butler County, later taking a special course in architecture at the International Correspondence School and a business course in the Butler Business College. Before taking up his independent career as a contractor, Mr. Wimer thoroughly prepared himself for his work by practical experience with other firms. He first learned the carpenter's trade and worked in this line for a number of years. Then in Pittsburgh he was put in charge of mill work for Bentz Brothers, rising to the position of superintendent. Returning to Butler after his training, he began his career as a contractor in partnership with J. S. Hobaugh. After three years, he decided to go into the business for which he had been preparing in his own name, and today he has to his credit a long list of public buildings as well as numberless beautiful residences. The Coraopolis United Presbyterian Church, the New Briton High School, the Butler Senior High School, the Buick Building in Butler, the Butler Eagle Printing Company, the Millerstown Deposit Bank, Chi-

cora, Pennsylvania, and the Butler Savings and Trust Company Building are a few of those edifices which have risen under his supervision. At present he is erecting the Sewickley High School, Sewickley, Pennsylvania; Peoples National Bank, Zelienople, Pennsylvania; the Hon. T. W. Phillips country house, on his estate eight miles south of Butler, and several fine houses in Butler. Mr. Wimer is a member of the Board of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Rotary Club. He is also affiliated with Butler Lodge, No. 694, Free and Accepted Masons, and the New Castle Consistory, a member of the Associated General Contractors of America, and the Pittsburgh Builders' Exchange. Politically he is a Republican.

In 1897 Harry Wimer married Lenore C. Infield, of Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Wimer four children were born: Betty R., wife of Arthur Moore; Donald C., a member of the Wimer Contracting Company, and a graduate of the Carnegie Institute of Technology; Walter L., a student of the same institute; and Evan A., a student in high school. Mr. Wimer and his family are members of the United Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Wimer is an elder.

Joseph H. Cochran stands as a splendid representative of the legal profession in Butler, and is a member of one of the county's most prominent pioneer families. He was born at Harrisville, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1877, and is the son of William and Josephine (Ludwig) Cochran.

William Cochran, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born on a farm six miles north of Harrisville, on land which was settled by his grandfather, Thomas Vaughn, who secured the land from the government for his services during the Revolutionary War. He had served as an officer under Lafayette and distinguished himself in both the Revolution and Indian wars. William Cochran spent most of his life at Harrisville, and was well known as a tobacco dealer. He spent some time in Kansas and Wisconsin. He died in 1923, at the age of ninety-four years. During the Civil War he served as a member of Company A, First West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, and was severely wounded in action. His wife, a native of Boston, Massachu-

setts, died in 1907. She was reared in Tidioute, Pennsylvania, and later her parents moved to Janesville, Wisconsin, where she was married. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran had the following children: William, lives at Harrisville, Pennsylvania; Joseph H., the subject of this sketch; Grace, married Thomas Martin; and Mary, deceased, was the wife of John Frew, lives at Grove City, Pennsylvania, and they had two daughters, Margaret and Josephine.

Joseph H. Cochran received his early education in the public schools of Harrisville and in 1898, 1899 and 1900 attended Grove City College. He then owned and operated a cigar factory at Harrisville for five years, after which he took up the study of law with Everett Ralston, a leading attorney of Butler. He was graduated from Lincoln and Jefferson University at Hammond, Indiana, in 1914 and engaged in private practice at Harrisville until 1919, when he removed to Butler and established offices at 8 West Diamond Street.

In 1900 Mr. Cochran was married to Miss Myrtle Fleming, the daughter of Hugh and Mary (Moody) Fleming, of Harrisville. They have seven children, as follows: Edna, married Clair Osborne, lives at Sharon, Pennsylvania; Harold, Florence, Russell, William, Claude, and Paul, all at home.

Mr. Cochran is a stanch Democrat and while a resident of Harrisville served as justice of the peace for eleven years. He holds membership in the First Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He lives at 316 Elm Street.

Dr. Olin A. Williams is a leading physician of Butler, where he has engaged in practice continuously since 1895. He was born in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1859, and is the son of Luke S. and Olive J. (Miller) Williams.

Luke S. Williams, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife are deceased.

After completing his preliminary education in the public schools of Corry, Dr. Olin A. Williams began the study of medicine at Hahne-mann Medical College in Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1890. He then began practice at Panama, New York, and after sev-

eral years removed to Union City, Pennsylvania. In 1895 Doctor Williams came to Butler, where he has established an excellent practice.

On March 9, 1889, Doctor Williams was united in marriage with Miss Julia F. Randolph, the daughter of James B. and Emmeline (Knapp) Randolph, of Orange County, New York. They have a daughter, Florence, who lives at home.

Politically Doctor Williams is a Republican. He is a member of the Masonic and Elks lodges. Doctor Williams is identified with the American Institute of Homeopathy, Butler County Medical Society, and the Pennsylvania Homeopathic Society. He has been successful in his work and is popular in the community in which he lives.

Frank A. McClung, who is connected with the Guaranty Trust Company as trust officer, is among the substantial and reliable business men of Butler. He was born at West Sunbury, Butler County, February 2, 1882, and is the son of Charles H. and Hannah Jane (Quinn) McClung.

Charles H. McClung was born in Fairview Township, Butler County in 1857 and has spent his entire life in this county. He is a prosperous farmer of Clay Township, where he is a large land owner. His wife is also a native of this county, born in Center Township. Mr. and Mrs. McClung had three children: Bessie; Frank A., the subject of this sketch; and Ralph, deceased.

Frank A. McClung spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He also attended West Sunbury Academy and in 1906 was graduated from Grove City College. He then taught in the Penn Township High School for two years, served as principal of the Zelienople public schools for three years, and was then elected county superintendent of schools of Butler County, in which capacity he served for three terms or a period of nine years. Mr. McClung resigned from this position to accept his present position as trust officer of the Guaranty Trust Company of Butler in 1920.

Mr. McClung was married June 5, 1912, to Miss Mary A. Goehring, the daughter of William A. and Matilda (Dumbach) Goehring,

of Allegheny County, Pa. They have four children: Richard Goehring, Robert Marshall, Frank Arthur, Jr., and Mary A.

Mr. McClung is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Rotary Club, of which he served as president in 1925. He is a Republican.

Joseph C. McLaughlin, one of Butler's most prominent young attorneys, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in Penn Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1894, and is the son of James and Mary (Mahon) McLaughlin.

James McLaughlin, retired, is a native of this county. He was born in Oakland Township. During his entire active career he engaged in the real estate business in Butler and was successful. His wife was born in County Galway, Ireland, and was 11 years of age when her family emigrated to this country and settled in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin have one child, Joseph C., the subject of this sketch.

Joseph C. McLaughlin spent his boyhood in Butler and attended the public schools. He later entered Georgetown Preparatory School and then enrolled in the Law School of Georgetown University, from which he was graduated in 1917. Mr. McLaughlin volunteered for service during the World War and was sent to the Columbus Barracks and later to the Ordinance School at the University of Pittsburgh. He was then transferred to Camp Hancock, Georgia, and from there to France, where he served as a member of the 5th Trench Mortar Battalion with the rank of sergeant.

Upon his return to the United States, Mr. McLaughlin resumed his law work and in 1922 was admitted to the bar of Butler County. He has since practiced in this city and has offices at 6 West Diamond Street.

On February 22, 1922, Mr. McLaughlin was married to Miss Catherine Ekas, the daughter of Waddell and Alice (Chantler) Ekas, of Butler County.

Mr. McLaughlin is a Democrat, a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, 3rd degree, and Elks lodge.

John P. Castor, deceased, was well known throughout Butler County as a substantial citizen of Slippery Rock. He was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1858, and was the son of Francis L. and Phoebe Jane (Bowman) Castor.

Francis L. Castor, deceased, was a native of New Castle, Pennsylvania. After the close of the Civil War he removed to Pittsburgh and later to Butler County, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. He died in 1903, and his wife, a native of Pittsburgh, died in 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Castor were the parents of five children, as follows: John P., the subject of this sketch; George, died in infancy; Ella, married Edwin Walsh, lives at Bethany, West Virginia; Joan, died at the age of eighteen years; and Eletha, deceased, was the wife of William Davis.

John P. Castor attended the public schools of Butler County, and in early life was a farmer. He owned and operated a farm in Brady Township, Butler County, for eighteen years, and later farmed in Worth Township, Butler County. About 1920 Mr. Castor removed from Worth Township to Slippery Rock. He organized the Slippery Rock Telephone Company in 1904, of which he was general manager at the time of his death. The company was organized in 1904 and now has over 500 telephones in operation. Other officers of the company were: Andrew Cooper, Dr. John Barber, John Aikens, Ray Wilson, I. N. Moore, M. A. Gibson, and William Moorehead. Mr. Castor was also one of the organizers of West Liberty Borough. He was a very hard worker and was always busy. He was a carpenter and stone mason. He was a great sportsman and liked fishing and hunting and had many thrilling experiences. He died January 11, 1927.

Mr. Castor was married first in 1882 to Miss Sarah Hines, and they had four children: Joseph Albert, further mention of whom is made below, resides at West Liberty Borough; Margaret, deceased; Frank D., resides at Greenville, Pennsylvania; and John, deceased. He was later married on May 11, 1926, to Miss Bertha Barnhardt, of Concord Township, Butler County, the daughter of John L. and Barbara (Arthurs) Barnhardt. Mr. Barnhardt, a prominent farmer of Concord Township, Butler County, died in 1925, and his wife died in 1926.

Joseph Albert Castor, son of John P. Castor, was born October 10, 1883, in Muddy Creek Township, Butler County. When he was six



MR. AND MRS. JOHN P. CASTOR

years old the family moved to Brady Township. He was educated in the West Liberty public schools and was a farmer, carpenter and blacksmith and also ran a threshing machine engine for a time. On September 1, 1904, he became associated with his father in the telephone company at Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, and at the death of his father he became manager for the company. Joseph Albert Castor was married December 25, 1907, to Nellie Steele, who was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of J. N. and Alice (Keener) Steele. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Albert Castor nine children were born, as follows: John J.; Florence Susan; Alice Melvina; Albert Clare, deceased; Gertrude Blanche; Mildred Eletha; Vera Estella; Albert Cecil, and Ella Elizabeth. Mr. Castor is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Grove City, Lodge No. 603; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 435, Slippery Rock, and the Encampment and Rebekahs.

John P. Castor was a member of the Methodist Church and his wife belongs to the Presbyterian Church. He was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was one of the building committeemen for the lodge building. In politics he was a Republican.

Dr. Willis Austin McCall, who ranks among the leading and successful physicians and surgeons of Butler, is a veteran of the World War. He was born on a farm in Franklin Township, Butler County, October 8, 1878, and is the son of Josiah and Mary (Snyder) McCall.

Josiah McCall, who died in 1922, was a prominent farmer and stockman of Butler County for many years. Both he and his wife were natives of Butler County.

Willis Austin McCall spent his boyhood on the home place in Franklin Township and attended the district schools. He was graduated from Slippery Rock State Normal School in 1897 and spent the following three years as a teacher in the schools of Butler County. He then entered the School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received his degree in 1904. Doctor McCall

engaged in practice in Washington County, Pennsylvania, from 1904 until 1915 and since that time has been located at Butler. During the World War he volunteered for service and served throughout the war period with the rank of captain in the Medical Corps at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia.

On April 4, 1905, Doctor McCall was united in marriage with Miss Valeria Thompson, of Euclid, Butler County. They have two daughters, Dorothy and Esther.

Doctor McCall is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the American Legion and Lions Club. He is a charter member of Victory Lodge, F. & A. M., Butler, and belongs to the Pittsburgh consistory. Doctor McCall is an excellent citizen and merits the high esteem in which he is held in the community.

J. Walter Ketterer, architect, is a native of Butler, having been born there April 8, 1889. His father, the late George Ketterer, was born in Alsace Lorraine and came to this country as a boy. He learned the upholstering trade in Pittsburgh, and later moved to Butler, where he engaged in the furniture business, which he conducted successfully, until his decease in 1918. George Ketterer married Sophia Feigel, a native of Butler, and to them were born ten sons and two daughters, of whom the following are living: Fred, Albert G., Augusta Dixon, Clarence H., J. Walter, Dorothy McClung, David V., Howard E., Richard F., C. William and Paul E.

J. Walter Ketterer, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Butler and after being graduated from the high school in 1907, he attended the Rose Polytechnic Institute, later entering the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received his degree of B. S. in Architecture in 1912. After graduating, Mr. Ketterer spent several years in offices of New York and Pittsburgh architects before opening his office in Butler. Besides an extensive practice in residential work, Mr. Ketterer has designed a number of schools and banks in the vicinity of Butler. Among the residences designed by him may be mentioned the homes of Mr. Frank E. Troutman, Mr. George Stewart, Dr. N. S. Garbisch, Mr. L. Spaide, and Mr. Carl Cheeseman. Mr.

Ketterer was also associated with Walker and Gillette as architects for the residence and other buildings for the Hon. T. W. Phillips, Jr., in Penn Township. This residence is one of the most successful Georgian houses in the East.

In 1915 Mr. Ketterer was married to Fay Ross of Terre Haute, Indiana. They are the parents of two children, Helen Louise and Robert George.

Mr. Ketterer was one of the original members of the City Planning Commission and the City Zoning Commission. He was chairman of the City Building Code Committee, member of the American Institute of Architects, Kiwanis Club, Board of Commerce, Butler Country Club, Sterling Club. He is a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, and in politics is a Republican.

Dr. Perce D. Pollock, who is practicing dentistry in Butler, is a leading and well known citizen of the city. He is a native of Pittsburgh, born December 18, 1886, and the son of William D. and Eliza (Williamson) Pollock.

William D. Pollock was born at Evansville, Indiana. He spent a number of years in Pittsburgh and now lives at Charleroi, Pennsylvania, where he is superintendent of the McBeth Glass Company. His wife is a native of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock have three sons: Perce D., the subject of this sketch; Charles, lives at Charleroi, Pennsylvania; and John, lives at Pittsburgh.

After completing his early education in the public and high schools of Pittsburgh and Charleroi, Perce D. Pollock entered the Dental School of the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received his degree in 1913. He then engaged in general practice in Pittsburgh until 1922, when he became identified with Dr. Shor, who owns 22 dental offices throughout the state. Doctor Pollock purchased Dr. Shor's interest in the Butler office December 1, 1926.

Dr. Pollock was married August 12, 1916, to Miss Lulu Reitz, of Charleroi, the daughter of Henry and Margaret (Anderson) Reitz.

In politics Doctor Pollock is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Psi Omega fraternity.

Thomas H. Greer, Jr., attorney, is a veteran of the World War and a prominent citizen of Butler. He was born at Knoxville, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1898, and is the son of Thomas and Priscilla (Ayres) Greer. A complete history of the Greer family appears elsewhere in this history.

After completing his early schooling at Butler, Thomas H. Greer, Jr., attended Amherst College, from which he was graduated in 1921. He then entered the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania and on June 19, 1923, was admitted to the bar of Butler County. He has since engaged in private practice in this city and has offices in the Butler County National Bank Building.

On October 18, 1923, Mr. Greer was united in marriage with Miss Alice Overheim, of Butler, the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Chandter) Overheim, residents of this city. They have a daughter, Priscilla Jane, born October 29, 1924.

Mr. Greer is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the American Legion and Delta Upsilon and Phi Delta Phi fraternities. He is among the popular young men of the community and has many friends.

George E. Sheldon is a representative young business man of Butler, where he is connected with the Sheldon Insurance Agency, with offices in the Savings Bank Building. He was born at Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1899, and is the son of Joseph P. and Christina (Hunter) Sheldon.

Joseph P. Sheldon was the first white person born at Kane, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1863. He spent many years at Erie and in 1900 removed to Butler, where he now resides. He is employed by the Buffalo, Rochester, Pittsburg Railway Company as an engineer. His wife is a native of Liverpool, England, and has lived in Pennsylvania since 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have two sons: Edward Earl, lives at Detroit, Michigan, and George E., the subject of this sketch.

George E. Sheldon received his early education in the public and high schools of Butler and is a graduate of the department of life in-

surance of Carnegie Institute of Technology, class of 1921. He then began his business career in Butler as agent for the Guardian Life Insurance Company of New York, covering the territory included in Butler, Venango, Erie, Crawford, Elk, and McKean counties. He is also associated with the firm of Sheldon & Gregg.

On July 20, 1926, Mr. Sheldon was married to Miss Edna Hauck, of Butler, the daughter of F. J. and Theresa (Stiech) Hauck. Mr. and Mrs. Hauck are deceased.

Mr. Sheldon is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He is a public spirited citizen and merits the esteem in which he is held by the community.

Harvey Snyder Adams is a representative citizen of Butler, where he is connected with the Butler Savings and Trust Company as trust officer. He was born at Reading, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1886, and is the son of Albert H. and Deborah (Snyder) Adams.

Albert H. Adams, deceased, was a prominent citizen of Reading, where he founded the St. Lawrence Dairy Company. He was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and spent practically his entire life at Reading. He died in 1918 and his widow resides in Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Adams had the following children: Katie, married William Leinbach, lives at Reading; Warren S., married Eva Brumbach, lives at Reading; Harvey Snyder, the subject of this sketch; Charles S., married Annie Brumbach, lives at Reading; Daniel S., married Carrie Vogt, lives at Reading; Ralph S., married Louisa Kriebel, lives at Landsdale, Pennsylvania; Israel S., married Freida Kriebel, lives at Pennsburg, Pennsylvania; Albert S., lives in Reading; Hannah S., lives in Reading; John Quincy, lives in Reading; and Esther S., married Ralph Happel, lives in Reading.

Harvey Snyder Adams received his early education in the public schools of Reading and graduated at Perkiomen school at Pennsburg, Pennsylvania. He was graduated from Pennsylvania State College in 1912 with the degree of B. S., and from Cornell University in 1922 with the degree of M. S. After completing his work at Pennsylvania State College, Mr. Adams took agricultural work as agricultural agent

in Butler County, having also completed work in agriculture and botany at Westchester State Normal School. He served as agricultural agent of Butler County for six years and was then made assistant state leader in extension work at Pennsylvania State College, where he remained until his entrance into Cornell University. He was connected with the department of agriculture at Harrisburg in the statistical department for one year, and then went with the Pennsylvania-Maryland Joint Stock Land Bank as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Adams accepted his present position as trust officer of the Butler Savings and Trust Company in 1924 and has since resided in Butler, where he has a wide acquaintance and many friends.

On September 15, 1916, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Barcalow, of Butler, who was a teacher in the city public schools before her marriage. They have a son, Harvey, born September 23, 1918.

Mr. Adams has always been a Democrat. He holds membership in the Methodist church, Knights of Pythias, D. O. K. of K. No. 215, Butler, P. O. S. of A. No. 230, Reading, Pennsylvania, and belongs to the Sterling Club, Alpha Gamma Rho and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities.

W. Carl Cheeseman is one of the prominent business men of Butler, where he is a partner in the Cheeseman-Watson Company, local representative of Buick and Cadillac automobiles. He was born at Portersville, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1885, and is the son of S. L. and Clara E. (Watson) Cheeseman.

S. L. Cheeseman is a native of Pennsylvania and for many years has lived at Slippery Rock, where he is associated with his son, J. W. Cheeseman, in the automobile business. His wife is the daughter of the late William Watson, of Mt. Chestnut, Butler County. To Mr. and Mrs. Cheeseman were born five children: W. Carl, the subject of this sketch; Franklin P., who was a graduate of Yale University, and died in service during the World War while serving with the Aviation Corps at Kelly Field, Texas; John W., automobile dealer at Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania; Ruth W., married Arthur L. Stewart, lives at Newark, N. J.; and Mary, teacher in the New Castle Public Schools.

W. Carl Cheeseman attended the public schools of Muddy Creek Township and Grove City High School. He was graduated from Grove City College in 1905 and from Ohio University in 1911, after having taught school for a number of years in Allegheny County Schools and later at the Slippery Rock State Normal School, and at the summer school of Grove City College. He began his business career at Slippery Rock, where he was interested in the automobile business until June, 1916, when he came to Butler, purchasing the Buick agency for the county from Mr. A. H. Sarver. In July, 1917, a half interest in the agency was sold to Mr. C. C. Watson of Butler.

This agency, having been started by Mr. Sarver in 1911, was owned by him and conducted for years on East Diamond Street. It was originally known as the Butler Buick Company and the name later changed to the Cheeseman-Watson Company. This was in March, 1923, at which time the business was moved to a newly constructed building located on Main and Clay Streets. This new building, erected after careful planning, was started in April, 1922, and completed in March, 1923. It is a four story structure containing over 38,000 feet of floor space, and was completed at a cost of approximately \$150,000.00. It is fireproof construction throughout and is one of the most complete automobile sales and service stations in the country. It contains everything needed for the proper servicing of automobiles, including a most complete repair department on the third floor where a specialty is made of rebuilding damaged cars by wood and metal workers who are skilled in body work. In the building is also conducted an official Duco refinishing department and an Official Radiator station. A complete stock of parts are carried and every effort made to give ideal service on automobile transportation. Thirty-five people are employed by this company.

In July, 1916, Mr. Cheeseman was married to Miss Imel Beach, of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. They have two daughters, Margaret Ruth and Imel Joan.

Mr. Cheeseman is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a charter member of the Rotary Club, and belongs to the Sterling Club, Butler Country Club and the Butler Board of Commerce. He is affiliated with all branches of the Masonic lodge and is a Republican in politics.

The Cheeseman residence is at 225 N. McKean Street.

Dr. Loyal A. Walters. Ranking high among the successful and well known young dentists of Butler is Dr. Walters, who has offices at 124 W. Cunningham Street. He was born at Mars, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1903, and is the son of John V. and Etta May (Thompson) Walters.

John V. Walters, deceased, was born near Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, and his wife was born near Mars. He was engaged in the marble and granite business at Mars until his death, which occurred May 10, 1926. His widow resides there. Mr. and Mrs. John V. Walters had six children: Earl, Dale, Iona, Varner, Andrew, and Loyal A., the subject of this sketch.

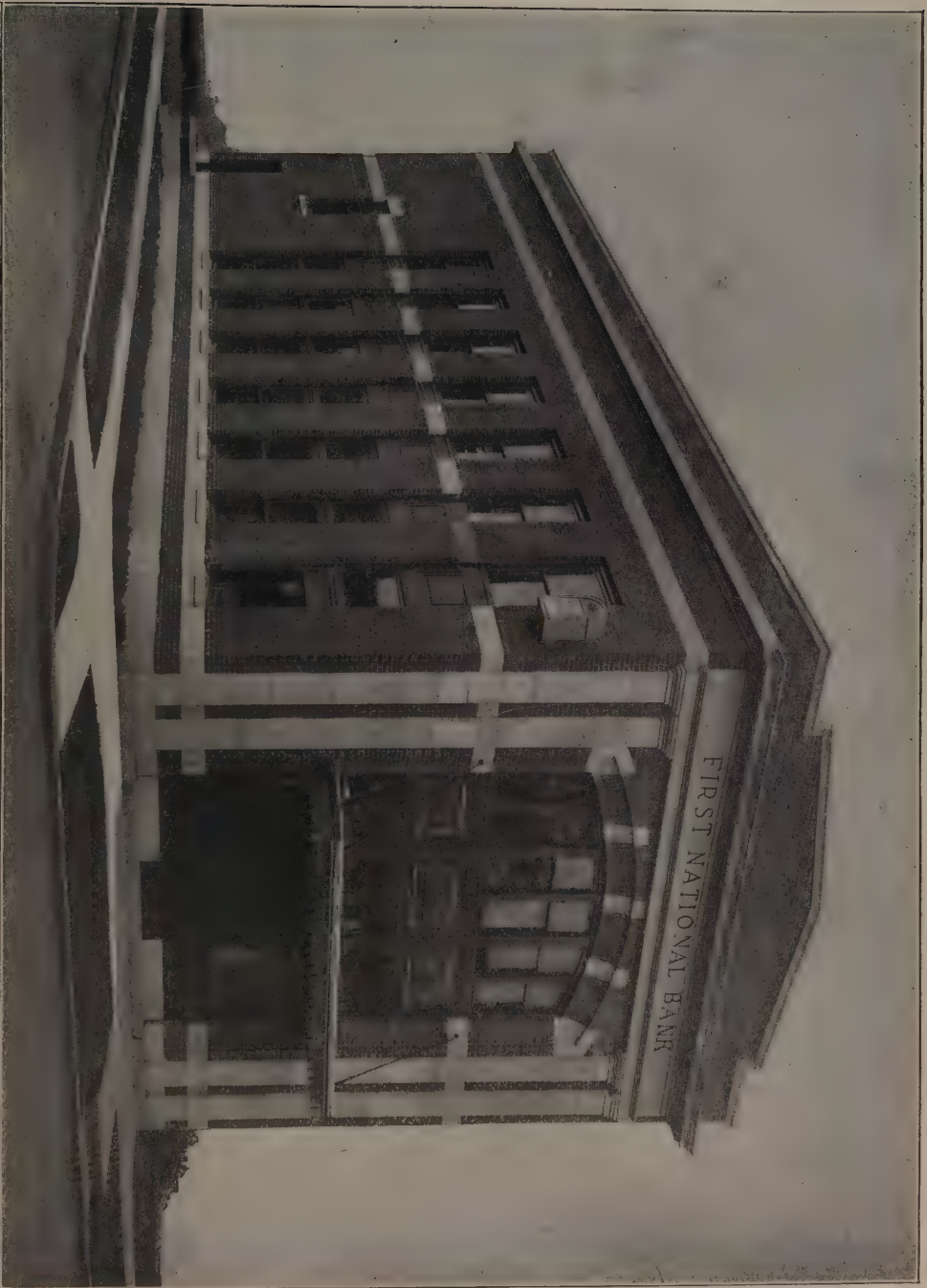
Loyal A. Walters attended the public and high schools of Mars and in 1925 received his degree in Dentistry from the University of Pittsburgh. He has since been located in Butler, where he has already established an extensive practice.

On August 7, 1926, Doctor Walters was united in marriage with Miss Theresa Crawford, the daughter of Ira H. and Mary E. (Hardt) Crawford, of Bakerstown, Pennsylvania.

Doctor Walters is a member of the United Presbyterian church.

The First National Bank of Harrisville is among the leading financial institutions of Butler County. It was founded in 1903 with the following officers: R. L. Brown, president; W. B. Campbell, M. D., vice president; and J. M. Elrick, cashier. Mr. Brown served as president from 1903 until 1920, when Doctor Campbell accepted the office. Mr. Elrick served as cashier from 1903 until 1912. L. G. Brown, the present cashier, has been in charge since that time. Doctor Campbell was succeeded as vice president in 1918 by T. V. Porter. E. E. Wick, deceased, served from 1916 until 1923, when D. W. Humphrey was elected, and is still a bank official.

L. G. Brown served as assistant cashier from 1907 until 1913. R. B. Morrison from 1914 until 1917. Mr. Morrison is now assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Grove City. W. E. McBride, the present assistant cashier of the Harrisville bank, has served from 1918. H. M. Shull is the present bank teller.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HARRISONVILLE, PA.

The first bank statement issued in November, 1903, showed the deposits to be \$25,245.97. The present deposits are more than \$746,573.59, a phenomenal growth when the size of the community is taken into consideration. The amount is not only indicative of the stability of the bank but also of the industry and thrift of the people of Harrisville. Because of this rapid growth it became necessary in 1919 to increase the capital stock of the bank that it might take care of the growing demand of its patrons. The original capital was increased at that time from \$25,000 to \$40,000. During the twenty-three years of growth the resources of the bank have increased more than fourteen times as shown by the last call, which amounted to \$95,440.57. The surplus and undivided profits of the bank amounted to \$51,097.77. A total of \$86,800 has been distributed to the stockholders during this period of time.

The new home of the First National Bank of Harrisville was opened on August 18, 1925. It is a monument to the architectural prowess of its designer, Holmes Crosby, of Oil City, Pennsylvania. It is located in the town center and is of tapestry brick construction with stone and granite trimmings. The bank is large enough to take care of the needs of the town for many years to come. It is complete in every sense, the construction and equipment being of the most modern and sensible construction.

The present officers are: Dr. W. B. Campbell, president; T. V. Porter and D. W. Humphrey, vice presidents; L. G. Brown, cashier; and W. E. McBride, assistant cashier. The board of directors are: Dr. W. B. Campbell, T. V. Porter, D. W. Humphrey, R. P. Brown, Ira Matthews, J. V. Ritts, L. G. Brown and J. H. Morrison, Jr.

L. G. Brown, cashier of the First National Bank of Harrisville, is a prominent business man and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County. He was born in Pine Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1882, and is the son of George B. and Ella J. (Graham) Brown.

George B. Brown is a native of Mercer County. In early life he engaged in general farming, but for a number of years has been a

teacher in the county schools. His wife was born in Pine Township, Mercer County. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have only one son, L. G., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his early schooling in the district schools of Pine Township, L. G. Brown attended Grove City College and New Castle Business College. He then spent several years at Grove City and since 1904 has been a resident of Harrisville. He entered the employ of the First National Bank in that year and has served as cashier of the institution since 1914.

On August 21, 1912, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Miss Jennie M. McBride, of Pine Township, Mercer County, the daughter of W. W. and Jane (Mortimer) McBride. They have four children: Richard, Jeannette, Lloyd, and David.

Mr. Brown is a Republican and has served as school director. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church of Harrisville, and is also affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

Theodore C. Kearns, who has served as justice of the peace at Lyndora since 1911, is a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County. He was born in Butler Township, October 1, 1865, and is the son of James and Abigail (Richards) Kearns.

James Kearns, deceased, was a native of Butler County. He was a farmer and auctioneer and was well known throughout this section of the state. He died in 1892, and his wife, a native of Vermont, died in 1906. Eight children were born to them, as follows: Emma, was the wife of Albert Roessing, both deceased; James R., auctioneer, resides in Butler Township; Mary, the widow of Frank Wheaton, resides in Vero, Florida; William B., retired, lives in Butler Township; Ada S., widow of John Kellerman, lives in Los Angeles, California; John J., auctioneer, Butler, Pennsylvania; Elnora, widow of F. H. Deyo, resides Los Angeles, California, and Theodore C., the subject of this sketch. He and Elnora are twins.

Theodore C. Kearns spent his boyhood in Butler and received his education in the public schools. He also attended Witherspoon Institute and began his business career as a contractor in sand, gravel,

stone and builders' supplies. He became quite successful in this particular line of business and was thus engaged until 1905, when he went with the Roessing Bronze Company at Etna, Pennsylvania. In 1911 Mr. Kearns became justice of the peace at Lyndora, being appointed by Governor Temer. He has served two appointments and three elections to this office and is thoroughly competent and trustworthy.

On February 7, 1889, Mr. Kearns was united in marriage with Mrs. Ida Cubbins, of Concord Township, Butler County, the daughter of William Curry. They have no children.

In politics Mr. Kearns has always been identified with the Republican party. He is president of the Standard Building & Loan Association and served as health officer of Butler Township. He held other township offices until his election to his present office as justice of the peace. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Charles C. Watson is a representative business man and leading citizen of Butler, where he is connected with the Cheeseman-Watson Company. He was born in Buffalo Township, Butler County, April 11, 1876, and is the son of William and Mary M. (Campbell) Watson.

After completing his schooling, Charles C. Watson began his business career with Thomas C. Jenkins, wholesale grocer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with whom he was associated continuously for 21 years. He resigned from this position in 1917 and entered into partnership with W. Carl Cheeseman. A complete sketch of the business will be found in the sketch of W. Carl Cheeseman.

On August 23, 1904, Mr. Watson was married to Miss Lillie B. Starr, of Butler, the daughter of Madison Starr, a leading citizen of Butler County. They have four children: Mildred E., William S., Elizabeth A., and Mary Anita.

Mr. Watson is a Republican, a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, and is a 32nd degree Mason. He also belongs to the Rotary Club, Sterling Club, and Butler Country Club. He and his family have a wide acquaintance throughout the county and are well liked.

Harvey LeMont Sanderson, D. D. S., who has offices in the Butler Savings Bank Building, is one of the most successful dentists of Butler. He was born in this city, May 3, 1891, and is the son of Sherman and Olive (Rankin) Sanderson.

Sherman Sanderson is a substantial citizen of Butler, where he has been identified with the Troutman Company for many years. He is a native of Muddy Creek Township, Butler County, and his wife was born at Fairview, Pennsylvania. Harvey L., the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

Harvey LeMont Sanderson received his education in the public and high schools of Butler and in 1915 received his degree as Doctor of Dentistry from the University of Pittsburgh. He began the practice of his profession at Emporium, Pennsylvania, and after two years removed to Butler, where he has continued in practice for the past nine years.

Doctor Sanderson is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the Elks lodge and Psi Omega dental fraternity.

Doctor Sanderson is president of the Butler County Dental Society, and is identified with the Lake Erie Dental Society and the Pennsylvania Dental Society. He is a progressive man in his profession and an excellent citizen.

Dr. William Blaine Clark, who has practiced his profession in Butler with honor and exceptional ability for the past 25 years, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Worthington, in Armstrong County, October 2, 1855, and is the son of Nicholas and Eliza (Blaine) Clark.

Nicholas Clark, deceased, was a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, where he spent his entire life. For many years he engaged in the building business at Worthington and later owned and operated a farm. His wife, also born in Armstrong County, is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark the following children were born: Evelyn, deceased, was the wife of J. M. Laird; John W., lives at Blairsville, Pennsylvania; William Blaine, the subject of this sketch; James M., lives on the old homestead in Armstrong County; Samuel Edgar, de-

ceased; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Dr. McCaffery; and Mary Belle, married J. W. McKee, lives in Butler.

After completing his early schooling in the Worthington Academy, William Blaine Clark attended the University of Illinois and in 1887 was graduated from Northwestern University. He engaged in practice in Chicago for several years and in February, 1902, located in Butler, where he is widely and favorably known as a capable physician and surgeon.

In 1887 Doctor Clark was married to Miss Jessie F. Miller, of Butler, the daughter of Franklin and Elizabeth (Elliott) Miller, of Clarion County, Pennsylvania. They had three children: Harold, deceased; Gladys, married L. C. Ritts, lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and they have two children, Marcia Clark and Leonard Chose Ritts, Jr.; and Ruth Elizabeth, married John L. Wise, and they have a daughter, Marilyn.

Politically, Doctor Clark is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World, Independent Order of Forresters, and is active in the Butler County Medical Society.

James Clark, the great-grandfather of Dr. Wm. Blaine Clark, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and served in the company under his brother, Captain John, the latter later becoming a colonel in the U. S. A. James Clark was a sergeant in his brother's company of the Eighth Regiment. James Clark, while in the army in Virginia, met and married Miss Jean McCulloch. After the war they settled in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, where the government granted 416 acres of land to him for services rendered in the war. They reared a family of 13 children, the third in order of birth being John Clark, grandfather of Dr. Wm. Blaine Clark.

Charles P. Eberle is one of Butler's successful business men, where he is well known as a plumbing contractor. He was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1872, and is the son of John Eberle.

Charles P. Eberle was reared at Allegheny and enjoyed excellent school advantages there, after which he learned the plumber's trade

and continued to work at it in his native place until 1902, when he came to Butler. After working in this city for six months he recognized that this would be an excellent field in which to establish a first class plumbing business, and shortly afterward, in partnership with his brother, H. W. Eberle, the present firm of Eberle Brothers was formed. This was in 1902 and they started in the Copley Building, on Center Avenue, which soon proved inadequate on account of increasing business. In 1906 the firm erected its own building on Center Street. The company carries on an extensive business as contracting plumbers and they are interested also in oil production and in the real estate business.

In 1898 Mr. Eberle was united in marriage with Miss Minnie L. Hageman, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and they have two children: Carl Frederick, who was graduated from Pennsylvania State College, now engaged in the plumbing business at Zelienople, Pennsylvania, married Miss Marjorie Hardin, and they have a son, Carl Edward; and Ruth, who lives at home.

Mr. Eberle is a Republican, a member of the Reformed church, and he belongs to the Masonic lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Knights of Malta. He is well liked in Butler and has many friends in the community where he has spent so many years.

W. H. Smail, of the Smail Motor Car Company, ranks high among the reliable and substantial business men of Butler. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1888, and is the son of William H. and Arabella (Klingensmith) Smail.

William H. Smail, deceased, spent his entire life in Westmoreland County, where he had extensive coal interests. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Smail had seven children, W. H., the subject of this sketch, being the only son.

W. H. Smail attended the district schools of Westmoreland County and began his business career with Ward-Mackey Company, of Pittsburgh, as one of their traveling representatives. Later he came to Butler with the Dixon-Fischer Candy Company and in 1912 became a member of the firm. After several years he went with John

C. Hine Company of Pittsburgh, and was connected with that concern until 1917, when he established his present automobile business in Butler. Mr. Smail has the agency for the Paige and Jewett cars and operates a first class garage in connection with his sales room.

Mr. Smail was married to Miss Mary Gertrude Thomas, of Derry, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Irwin and Anna (Jackson) Thomas. They have three children: William H., Jr., Edith May, and Betty Jean.

Mr. Smail is a Republican, a member of the English Lutheran Church, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Knights of Malta, and Elks lodge. He is an excellent citizen and is highly esteemed in the community.

William C. Campbell, one of the most successful young business men of Butler, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Braddock, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1891, and is the son of William J. and Nettie R. (Burns) Campbell.

William J. Campbell, deceased, was a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. He lived in Butler County practically his entire life and was a prosperous farmer. He died in February, 1919, and his widow, also a native of Mercer County, resides in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were the parents of three children: Catherine, married L. H. McDowell, lives in Butler; William C., the subject of this sketch; and O. H., married Pearl Schroth, lives in Butler.

After completing his early education in Butler, William C. Campbell attended Gettysburg College, from which he was graduated in 1917. He then volunteered for service in the World War and was sent to Ft. Niagara, New York, where he received his commission as second lieutenant. From there he was transferred to Camp Meade, Maryland, and later to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, where he was promoted to first lieutenant. During the remainder of the war he was stationed at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, American Lake, Washington, and Camp Lewis. After his discharge Mr. Campbell became interested in business at Butler, and organized the Campbell Auto Supply Company, which is located at Lincoln and Monroe streets. Mr.

Campbell carries a complete line of automobile accessories, tires and tubes, and also handles oils and greases.

On August 13, 1924, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Johanna Bakkelid, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Campbell is a Republican, a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He has a wide acquaintance in Butler and is deservedly popular among his many friends.

O. W. Ziegler, mortician, is a highly esteemed business man of Zelienople, and a member of a family that has long been connected with the history of Butler County. He was born near Harmony, in Butler County, August 12, 1874, and is the son of H. D. and Louisa (Moritz) Ziegler.

H. D. Ziegler, deceased, was a native of Butler County, and the son of Andrew Ziegler, pioneer funeral director of the county. Andrew Ziegler was a small boy when his parents came to Butler County and settled in Lancaster Township. He was a carpenter and later engaged in the undertaking business, making his own caskets. His son, H. D. Ziegler, was associated with him in the undertaking business and in later life he conducted a furniture and hardware business also. He died about 1900 and his wife, who was of French descent, died in 1922 at the age of 69 years. To H. D. and Louisa (Moritz) Ziegler the following children were born: Pearce, died at the age of thirty-nine years; Harry A., lives in Canada; O. W., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Pearl Sharrer, lives at Zelienople; Clarence, lives at Zelienople; and two children died in infancy.

O. W. Ziegler grew up in Lancaster Township and attended the district schools. He was fifteen years old when he entered his father's store and undertaking establishment, with which he has since been identified. This business, founded more than eighty-five years ago, is perhaps the oldest of its kind in the county.

On October 8, 1902, Mr. Ziegler was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Shanor, the daughter of Reverend and Agnes (Fisher) Shanor, natives of Butler, and now residents of Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Mr.



O. W. ZIEGLER

and Mrs. Ziegler have four children: Henry O., is associated in business with his father; Arthur S., attending Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania; Ruth Elizabeth and Ralph, both at home.

Mr. Ziegler and his family hold membership in the English Lutheran Church, and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Malta, Royal Arcanum and the Elks. He is a director of the Pythian Home Association of western Pennsylvania.

Bernard Kemper is a representative and widely known citizen of Butler and a member of one of the city's prominent pioneer families. He was born at Worthington, in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1854, and is the son of Joseph and Eva (Korb) Kemper.

Joseph Kemper, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was 16 years old when he came to this country and settled in Pittsburgh. At an early age he learned the harness making trade and for many years owned a harness shop at Worthington. He removed to Butler in 1865, where he operated a harness shop for many years. He died in 1901 at the age of 72 years, and his first wife, who was born in Germany, in 1830, died December 28, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Kemper had the following children: Bernard, the subject of this sketch; Frank, lives in Butler; Mary, lives in Butler; Margaret, married Michael Duffy, and she is now deceased; and Rev. Joseph, a Catholic priest, died in Wheeling in 1912. Mr. Kemper was married the second time to Miss Margaret Bruner, and to this union the following children were born: Annie, the widow of Joseph Jordan, lives in Butler; John, a merchant, lives in Butler; Anthony A., real estate, Butler, Pennsylvania; and Eva, lives in Butler. Mrs. Kemper died September 8, 1912.

Bernard Kemper received his education in the schools of Clearfield Township and the parochial schools of Butler. He also attended Witherspoon Institute. When a young man he learned the shoemaking trade with George Frederick and was thus employed for several years. Later he became a member of the police force of Butler and also served as public health officer. He then returned to his trade as a shoemaker and for eight years conducted a business in this city. In

1913 Mr. Kemper was elected justice of the peace and served in that capacity for six years. In 1922 he was appointed county tax collector, and is now serving as notary public, county assessor and county viewer.

Mr. Kemper was married July 28, 1874, to Miss Philomena Weigand, of Butler County, the daughter of Joseph and Susan Weigand. They have the following children: (1) Frank, lives in Butler, married Rose Mary Kreabs, and they have a son, Arthur B.; (2) Charles, deceased; (3) Mary, married James McLafferty, lives in Butler, and they have two children, Paul and Rita, twins; (4) Wilbert, lives at home; (5) Aloysius, lives in Butler, married Ida Hinchberger, and they have five children: Mary, Ethel, Jennie, Helen, and Bernard; (6) Raymond, lives at home; (7) Paul, lives in Butler, married Bessie Heinz, and they have two children, Pauline and Jeannette; and (8) Nora, married Henry S. Krebbs, lives in Butler, and they have four children: Mary, Bernard, Charles, and Alma.

Mr. Kemper has always been a Democrat. He is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, 4th degree, Elks lodge, and Woodmen of the World. He ranks as one of the dependable citizens of the community and is highly esteemed.

Carl W. Carlson, secretary of The Lloyd Company, Inc., is a progressive and enterprising young business man of Butler and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Dubois, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1895, and is the son of Charles J. and Emelia Charlotte (Landen) Carlson.

Charles J. Carlson, deceased, was a native of Sweden. He emigrated to this country in 1880 and settled at Dubois, Pennsylvania, where he was a well known landscape architect for many years. He was living retired at the time of his death in 1921. His wife, also born in Sweden, died in 1916, and both are buried at Dubois. To Mr. and Mrs. Carlson were born four children: Clara, married J. L. Johnson, lives at Olean, New York; Hulda, married Thomas Moore, lives at Dubois; Amelia, deceased, was the wife of H. H. McCune; and Carl W., the subject of this sketch.

Carl W. Carlson received his education in the public and high schools of Dubois and began his business career in the accounting department of the B. R. & P. Railroad at Dubois, where he remained for six years. During the World War he volunteered for service and served with the Aviation Corps at Vancouver, Washington. Upon his return to Pennsylvania he settled at Butler, where he was employed by the Standard Steel Car Company for almost two years. Mr. Carlson has been identified with The Lloyd Company, Inc., wholesale confectioners, since 1920.

On May 15, 1919, Mr. Carlson was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Irene Braund, of Dubois, the daughter of P. S. and Emma (Medland) Braund. They have three children: Carl William, Jr., Donald the Lions Club and is active in all civic affairs.

Mr. Carlson is a Republican, a member of the First English Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Knights of Malta, and United Commercial Travelers and the Board of Commerce. He is secretary of Braund, and Joyce Hope.

William J. Schaffner is well and favorably known in Butler, where he is district representative of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton. He is a native of this city, born November 1, 1879, and the son of George and Jane (Tracy) Schaffner.

George Schaffner, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Butler County and was well known in this section for many years as a general contractor. He later opened the first shaft coal mine in Butler County, which is located in Butler Township, four miles south of Butler. During the Civil War Mr. Schaffner served with Company H, Seventy-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He died in November, 1921, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Butler. His wife, also born in this county, died in 1902. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schaffner: Cresemtia; James; Anthony; Clarence; William J., the subject of this sketch; Gertrude; George; and LeRoy, deceased.

William J. Schaffner grew up in Butler and received his education in the public schools. He was employed by the American Mirror

Works of Butler for six years and then he owned and operated a theatre at Lyndora for several years. Mr. Schaffner was later employed by the Bell Telephone Company for three years, and since 1910 has held his present position as representative in Butler for the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton.

In 1900 Mr. Schaffner was united in marriage with Miss Zeniade Doubet, of Frenchtown, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. They have four children: William, Jane, Elizabeth, and Virginia.

In politics Mr. Schaffner is identified with the Democratic party. He holds membership in St. Paul's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree, and Elks Lodge.

Wendel S. Green is a veteran of the World War and one of the enterprising and successful young business men of Butler. He was born in Butler County, at Carbon Center, February 20, 1895, and is the son of Peter and Magdalene (Hennzer) Green.

Peter Green is a native of Butler County, where he has spent his entire life as a farmer. He is also interested in the oil business in this section. His wife was born at East Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Green have the following children: Sylvester, lives on the old homestead in Summit Township, Butler County; Wendel S., the subject of this sketch; Edward J., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Martin, lives in Oakland Township, Butler County; Paul H., lives at Carbon Center, Pennsylvania; Girard, who is studying for the priesthood at Sts. Peter and Paul Monastery, Cumberland, Maryland; Cecelia, a nun, lives at Millvale, Pennsylvania; Simon P., lives at home; and Mary, a nun, lives at Millvale.

Wendel S. Green spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the schools of Summit Township. He began his business career with the T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company. During the World War Mr. Green volunteered for service and was sent to Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, as a member of Company K, Fifty-fifth Infantry, Seventh Division. He spent nine months in France and participated in several important engagements of the war. After his return to this country, Mr. Green located in Butler and later went to

Texas as a representative of the Gulf Refining Company. After six months he returned to this city, where he entered the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company. He has been connected with the Corona Cord Tire Company since March, 1921, and is manager of the local business.

On January 24, 1921, Mr. Green was married to Miss Wilda McCarey, of Butler, the daughter of John and Martha (O'Donnell) McCarey. They have had two children: Wilma Lucille, and Wilfred, who is deceased.

Mr. Green is a Republican, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, third degree.

Frank L. Moone is a substantial and well known citizen of Butler, where he has engaged in business since 1899. He was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1872, and is the son of B. M. and Amanda (Miles) Moone.

B. M. Moone, deceased, was a native of Mercer County, and the son of David Moone, who owned and operated the first steam sawmill in Mercer County, near Grove City. It was a horsepower mill and was the first of its type in that section. His son, B. M. Moone, spent most of his life in Butler County and was a sawmill worker. He died in 1918, and his widow, a native of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, lives in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Moone had four children: Frank L., the subject of this sketch; Austin and Cora, both deceased; and Eva, married Andrew Burkhardt, lives in Butler.

Frank L. Moone attended the public schools at Prospect, Pennsylvania, and also was a student at Prospect Academy. He worked his way through school and in 1888, after completing his schooling, he learned the cabinet making trade with William Miller of Butler, with whom he was associated for two years. He then spent nine years in the employ of S. G. Purvis Lumber Company as a turner, and in 1899 established his present business, which is known as Moone's Cabinet Shop. Mr. Moone makes a specialty of antique work and fine wood making in custom furniture and upholstering. His shop is located at 121 Homewood Avenue.

In 1896 Mr. Moone was married to Miss Clara C. Daubenspeck, the daughter of Henry S. and Maria (Meals) Daubenspeck, of Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Moone have four children: J. Russell, chief engineer of the P. A. Rowe Company, Lexington, Kentucky, is a graduate of Butler High School and the University of Pittsburgh, married Ruth Sewall, of Winchester, Kentucky; Sarah, a graduate of Butler High School and Carnegie Institute of Technology, is superintendent of the art department of Darby School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Lois, a graduate of Butler High School and now a student at Slippery Rock Normal School, was chosen "Miss Butler" in 1925 popularity contest; and David, who is a student at Butler High School.

Mr. Moone is a Republican and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Edward J. Green, popular garage owner of East Butler, is a member of a well known and highly esteemed family of Butler County. He was born in this county, October 12, 1897, and is the son of Peter S. and Magdalene (Hennzer) Green.

Peter S. Green is a prosperous farmer and stockman of Summit Township, Butler County, where he was born. His wife is also a native of this county. They have the following children: Sylvester, lives on the old homestead in Summit Township; Wendel S., lives in Butler; Edward J., the subject of this sketch; Martin, lives in Oakland Township, Butler County; Paul H., lives at Carbon Center, Pennsylvania; Girard, who is studying for the priesthood at Sts. Peter and Paul Monastery, Cumberland, Maryland; Cecelia, a nun, lives at Millvale, Pennsylvania; Simon P., lives at home; and Mary, a nun, lives at Millvale.

Edward J. Green received his education in the public schools and remained on the home place for two years. He then entered the employ of the Pittsburgh-Hixon Company, where he learned the mechanic's trade, and two years later went to Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he was connected with the Savage Arms Company for several years. Upon his return to Butler he was employed by the W. C. Landerer Company and later went with the Standard Steel Car Company. In 1924 Mr. Green became interested in the automobile busi-

ness in East Butler. He operates a high-grade repair shop and carries a complete line of accessories, tires and tubes.

On September 6, 1920, Mr. Green was united in marriage with Miss Evelyn Kremer, the daughter of Daniel and Regina (Gallagher) Kremer, of Butler County. To them have been born three children: Eva May; Richard; and Carl, who is deceased.

Mr. Green is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Herman, Pennsylvania, and is a Democrat.

Guy McKissick, an enterprising young business man of Butler, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Parkers Landing, in Butler County, January 29, 1892, and is the son of A. J. and Sarah (Phillips) McKissick.

A. J. McKissick was born on a farm in Butler County, but has spent practically his entire life in Butler. His first wife, Sarah (Phillips) McKissick, died in 1893, leaving the following children: Edward, deceased; Nora, married Joseph Gillman, lives in Butler; Charles, lives at Hilliard, Pennsylvania; Maude, married Lawrence Christie, lives at Waynesburg, Ohio; Minnie, married David Burke, lives at Emlenton, Pennsylvania; Blanche, married H. J. Stokes, lives in Butler; Bert, lives at Youngstown, Ohio; and Guy, the subject of this sketch. Mr. McKissick later married Miss Myrtle Anchors, of Bruin, Pennsylvania, and to them were born three children: Roy, lives in Butler; John, died in infancy; and Joseph, lives in Butler.

Guy McKissick spent his boyhood in Parker Township, Butler County, and attended the district schools. He entered the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company in Butler at an early age, and later went with the Pittsburgh-Hickson Company of East Butler. Mr. McKissick later was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pitcairn, Pennsylvania. During the World War he volunteered for service and served in France with the Three Hundred and Eighth Field Signal Battalion. He participated in many important battles and drives of the war, and was severely gassed. After his return from the army Mr. McKissick returned to Butler and for several years was employed by the Standard Plate Glass Company. He then went

with the Consolidated Coal & Coke Company. In May, 1926, Mr. McKissick purchased his present business from Waner & Waner. He conducts one of the popular service stations on the outskirts of Butler, which is located on the Saxonburg-Butler road.

In May, 1926, Mr. McKissick was married to Mrs. Ruth (McDowell) Weitzel, of Butler.

Mr. McKissick is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eagles Lodge.

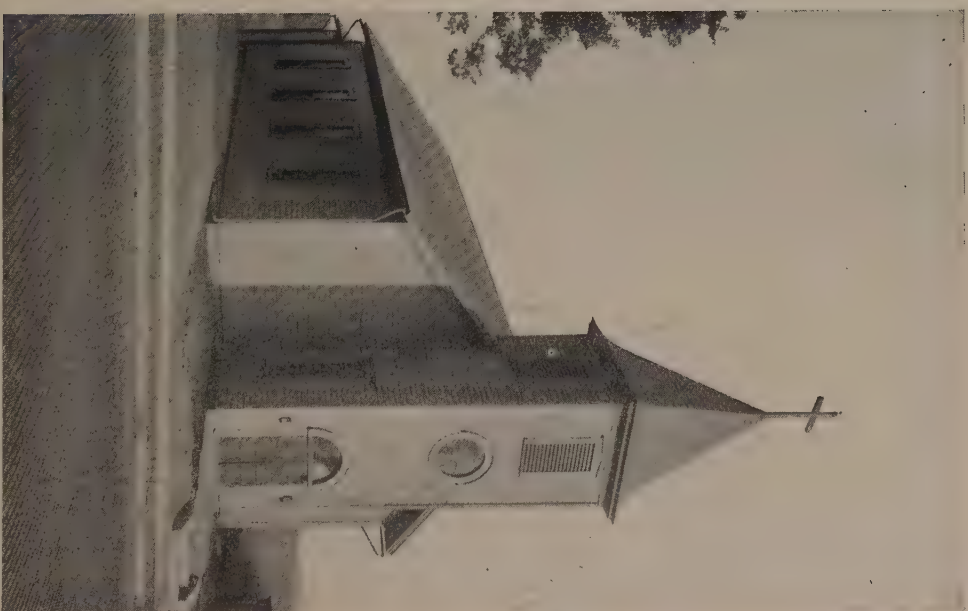
Rev. Bernard McGuigan, pastor of Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, at Chicora, is an influential and widely known citizen of Butler County. He was born at Oil City, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1870, and is the son of Owen and Margaret (Conley) McGuigan.

Owen McGuigan, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War, having served with the Union Army. He was born in Ireland and was about six years old when his parents came to this country and settled in Buffalo, New York, where he later worked for many years as a ship carpenter. Later, he removed to Oil City, Pennsylvania, and was a builder of oil boats on the Allegheny River. From there he moved to Bruin, and lived here until 1879, at which time he removed to Pittsburgh, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife was born in Buffalo, New York, and was the daughter of Capt. Phillip Conley.

Father Bernard McGuigan obtained his early education in the public schools of Bruin and Pittsburgh. When thirteen years of age he went to work in the glass factories of Pittsburgh. Later, he learned the machinist trade and was thus employed until he reached the age of thirty-three years. He then entered Holy Ghost College in Pittsburgh, and after five years was enrolled at St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained July 21, 1912, and spent four years as assistant pastor of Holy Cross Church. During the World War, Reverend McGuigan entered the army as chaplain, August 12, 1918, and served in France until May, 1919. He also spent some time at Winchester, England. After his discharge he went to Pittsburgh and then to Sugar Creek, Pennsylvania. He has been pastor of Mater Dolorosa Church at Chicora since 1923.



REV. BERNARD MCGUIGAN



MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH, CHICORA, PA.

The Catholic Church at Chicora was dedicated to the Mother of Sorrows on November 7, 1875, by Reverend Hickey, the vicar general. It was attended for almost forty-nine years as a mission by the priest at Sugar Creek, Father McGuigan being its first pastor. Under his leadership and zeal the church has made rapid progress.

Father McGuigan served as state chaplain of the Department of Pennsylvania in 1920 for the American Legion. He is also affiliated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, third degree.

Joseph Staudacher is a prominent citizen and successful business man of Butler. He was born at Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 11, 1868, and is the son of John and Elizabeth (Hopnick) Staudacher.

John Staudacher, deceased, was a native of Germany. After coming to this country he settled in Pittsburgh and later went to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he was employed as a cabinetmaker. He also lived at Auburn, Indiana, for some time. Mr. Staudacher and his wife are both deceased. They had three children: Louis, lives at Cincinnati, Ohio; Minnie, lives in Los Angeles, California; and Joseph, the subject of this sketch.

Joseph Staudacher received his education in the public schools of Auburn, Indiana, and when a young man learned the cabinet making trade. In 1895 he went to Kendallville, Indiana, where he entered the employ of the McCray Refrigerator Company, and where he remained for five years. He then went to Columbia City and two years later to Pontiac, Michigan. In 1904 Mr. Staudacher came to Butler, where he was connected with the Iceless Refrigerator Company for some time, and in 1909 engaged in the manufacturing business for himself. He is the only maker of refrigerators in the city and sells direct, specializing in hotel and large type refrigeration plants. His modern factory building is located at South Washington and Mill Streets and was erected in 1917.

Mr. Staudacher was married first to Miss Catherine Fretz, of Auburn, Indiana, and they had a son, Armond J., who is associated in business with his father. Later Mr. Staudacher married Miss Jennie

May Whetsel, of Kendallville, Indiana. Their only child died in infancy.

Mr. Staudacher is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Reform Church, and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of the World, and United Commercial Travelers of Butler, Pennsylvania. He is highly esteemed in the community and has many friends.

W. G. McIntosh is a substantial citizen and reliable business man of Butler. He was born at Dubois, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1887, and is the son of William and Alice Jane (Rumburger) McIntosh.

William McIntosh, deceased, was a native of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. He spent most of his life in that district of the county which is known as "Beech Woods," and engaged in the transfer business. He died at Dubois in December, 1926, and his wife, a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, died in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh had six children: J. H., lives at Dubois; C. A., deceased; R. M., lives at Cleveland, Ohio; W. G., the subject of this sketch; W. R., associated in business in Butler with his brother, W. G.; and Cora, married D. D. Miller, lives at Grampian, Pennsylvania.

W. G. McIntosh received his education in the public schools of Dubois and began his business career in that city with the Hibner-Hoover Hardware Company, where he learned the tinner's trade. He remained with that concern from 1904 until 1912 and then came to Butler, where he became associated with the tinning and sheet metal business owned by J. G. and W. Campbell. This business was founded more than half a century ago and is the oldest of its kind in the city. Mr. McIntosh purchased the entire business in 1921, which he has since successfully conducted. It is located at 251 East Cunningham Street.

Mr. McIntosh was married to Miss Grace Phillips, of Butler, the daughter of Curtis and Mary (Wyant) Phillips. They have a daughter, Mary Jane.

Politically Mr. McIntosh is identified with the Republican party and he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Elks Lodge, U. C. T., and the Rotary Club.

Walter J. Slupe, of Lindsey & Slupe, is one of the leading automobile men of Butler. He is a native of Butler County, born in Jefferson Township, December 12, 1889, and the son of Albert and Mary (Koegler) Slupe.

Albert Slupe, a prosperous farmer of Jefferson Township, is a native of this county, as is his wife. They have four children: Walter J., the subject of this sketch; Calvin, Frank and Paul, all farmers, living in Jefferson Township.

Walter J. Slupe attended the district schools of his native township and Grove City High School. He farmed for a short time and then engaged in the grocery business in Butler in partnership with W. W. Campbell. He has been interested in the automobile business since 1916, when he became associated with Thomas A. Lindsey. They have the agency for the Selden trucks and operate one of the finest garages in the city. It occupies a modern fireproof building, 45x105 feet. Five men are employed in the shop.

In November, 1913, Mr. Slupe was united in marriage with Miss Lucille Gregg, the daughter of John and Sadie (Walters) Gregg, who live retired in Butler. They have four children: Walter Lester, LeRoy, Charles, and Gladys.

Mr. Slupe is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to a number of the city's fraternal organizations.

Grant Claypool, who is successfully engaged in the produce business in Butler, is among the substantial citizens of the city. He was born in North Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1865, and is the son of David and Jane (Snyder) Claypool.

David Claypool, deceased, was a member of one of the oldest families of Armstrong County. He was a farmer and spent his entire life in that district. He died in 1904, and his widow resides on the old Claypool homestead in North Buffalo Township. Mr. and Mrs. Claypool were the parents of nine children, as follows: E. E., a farmer, lives in Armstrong County; Florinda, deceased; Grant, the subject of this sketch; Lillian, married Elmer Sipes, lives in North

Buffalo Township, Armstrong County; Joseph Muton, deceased; Myrtle, married Samuel Cowan, lives at Ford City, Pennsylvania; Simon, lives on the Claypool homestead in Armstrong County; Belle, married William Yonkins, lives in Armstrong County; and David Earl, lives in Armstrong County.

Grant Claypool spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Armstrong County. When he was twenty-five years of age he left the farm and engaged in the meat business at Kittanning, Pennsylvania, for six years. He then returned to the farm, where he remained until 1924, at which time he came to Butler and established a meat market with a line of groceries at 500 West Penn Street, which he conducted until January, 1927. He then sold out and is now buying and selling produce.

Mr. Claypool married Miss Clara Etta Jack, of North Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, the daughter of J. S. and Elizabeth (Bruner) Jack. They have six children, as follows: Myrtle, married Frank Killen, lives at Detroit, Michigan; Anna Belle, married Dr. Fred Rhodes, lives in Los Angeles, California; Blanche, lives at home; Violet, married Hugh Muirer, lives at Elwood City, Pennsylvania; Theodore, associated in business with his father; and Milda May, married Paul McJunkin, lives at Butler.

Mr. Claypool is a Republican and a member of the Baptist Church.

Charles T. Amy is a progressive and enterprising business man of Butler, where he is proprietor of Amy's Grocery Store at 415 West Penn Avenue. He was born at Chicora, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1885, and is the son of George W. and Susan I. (Fisk) Amy.

George W. Amy, deceased, ranked as a leading citizen of Butler. He was born at Flint, Michigan, April 4, 1864, the son of Thomas H. and Caroline (Hutchinson) Amy. His early education was received in the Michigan schools and he removed to Pennsylvania with his father at the age of sixteen years. He was associated with his father in the oil business in Fagundus, and Chicora, and moved to Butler in 1892, where he continued in the oil industry, but added real estate operations to his activities. For a time also he was associated with

J. Charles Dengler in the undertaking business. During the twenty-eight years of his residence in Butler Mr. Amy was an outstanding figure in the business, political and social life. A Republican, he was elected burgess of the borough for a term in 1911 and was generally active in local politics during the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Methodist Church and belonged to the Woodmen of the World, Knights of Maccabees and Knights of Pythias. Mr. Amy died May 19, 1920, at the age of fifty-six years. His loss was keenly felt by the community, which he had so ably served. Of a generous and friendly nature, he was charitable in an unassuming way and always ready to support progressive movements. Mr. Amy was married September 10, 1884, to Miss Susan I. Fisk, the daughter of Charles W. and Emeline (Middleton) Fisk. They were the parents of three children: Charles T., the subject of this sketch; George LeRoy, deceased; and Edwin M., lives at Butler.

Charles T. Amy was educated in the public schools and also attended Iron City Business College. He was employed by the Standard Steel Car Company for fifteen years, after which he became associated with his father in the undertaking business in Butler. In April, 1924, he purchased the grocery business of H. W. Tebay, at 415 West Penn Street, which was founded about 1909 by Mr. Limberg. Mr. Amy has an excellent trade and one of the finest stores in the city.

On April 8, 1909, Mr. Amy was married to Miss Alice V. Thompson, the daughter of Robert J. and Jane (Seaton) Thompson, both deceased. They were natives of Butler County.

Mr. Amy is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church.

H. P. Keck is one of the representative men of the Butler manufacturing field, where he is manager of Kesselman & Company, Inc. He was born in Butler, August 7, 1887, and is the son of August H. and Emily (Koegler) Keck.

August H. Keck has spent his entire life in Butler and for many years has been in the employ of the Standard Plate Glass Company. His wife, who was born in Winfield Township, Butler County, died in 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Keck had six children: Fred, lives at Butler;

H. P., the subject of this sketch; Clarence, lives at Butler; Stella, married G. A. Diehl, of the Diehl Baking Company, Butler; Bertha, married Fred Bernlohr, lives at Columbus, Ohio; and Florence, married George Ulrich, lives in Chicago, Illinois.

H. P. Keck received his early education in the public and high schools of his native city and subsequently attended Capitol University at Columbus, Ohio. His first business opportunity was with Kesselman & Company, Inc., with whom he has been identified since 1911. He was made manager of the company in 1918. This concern is widely known in the manufacturing world as makers of oil drilling and finishing tools.

Mr. Keck is a Republican and a member of the German Lutheran Church. He is unmarried.

William L. Moorhead, proprietor of Moorhead's Service Station, is a progressive business man of Butler. He was born at Karns City, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1877, and is the son of Harry A. and Mary (Lardin) Moorhead.

Harry A. Moorhead, deceased, was a native of Pittsburgh, born in 1850. When he was eight years of age his parents removed to Tarentum, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the oil fields later, being interested in the Parker District. From there he went to Karns City, and engaged in the livery business at that place until 1888, when he removed to Butler and became interested in the training of race horses. Mr. Moorhead owned some of the finest horses in this section and was widely known. He died in 1912. His wife, a native of Butler County, died in 1916. To Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead were born three children: Maude, married H. L. Garner, lives at Tarentum, Pennsylvania; William L., the subject of this sketch; and Charles, married Rae Arnold, lives at Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

William L. Moorhead received his education in the public schools of Karns City and Butler, and began his business career in the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, where he remained for three years. He then was interested in horse racing with his father and was the owner of such fine horses as The Philistine, 2:04½; Schley

Pointer, 2:08¼, and Silver Hal, 2:10. In 1918 Mr. Moorhead entered the jewelry business of D. Lardin & Sons, in Butler. In June, 1925, he established his present business on the New Castle road, opposite the Fair Grounds entrance. Mr. Moorhead deals in gasoline, oils, greases, etc., and also handles a complete line of automobile tires, tubes, and accessories.

On August 28, 1917, Mr. Moorhead was married to Miss Marie Elwell, of Butler, the daughter of John D. and Anna E. (Duphorn) Elwell, natives of Tarentum, Pennsylvania, and both now deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead have no children.

Mr. Moorhead is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church.

William Krimel is a progressive and enterprising business man of Butler, where he is local manager for the North American Service Company. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, August 1, 1891, and is the son of William and Barbara (Felz) Krimel.

William Krimel, deceased, was a native of Austria. When he was twelve years old his family emigrated to the United States and settled in Chicago, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was connected with the International Harvesting Company as an accountant for twenty-three years and died in 1914. His widow lives in Chicago, where she was born.

After completing his early schooling in Chicago, William Krimel entered the banking business in 1907 in the employ of the Commercial National Bank, now the Continental Commercial National Bank. He remained with this institution for five years and then went with the Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago for four years. Mr. Krimel then served as cashier of the Frederick H. Bartlett Company, real estate brokers, for seven years, after which he engaged in the real estate business for himself. He has been identified with the North American Service Company since October, 1924. This is the largest highway advertising firm in the United States and owns more than 30,000 individual display boards. The local office of the company covers territory throughout West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio and operates 2,200 display boards alone in this district.

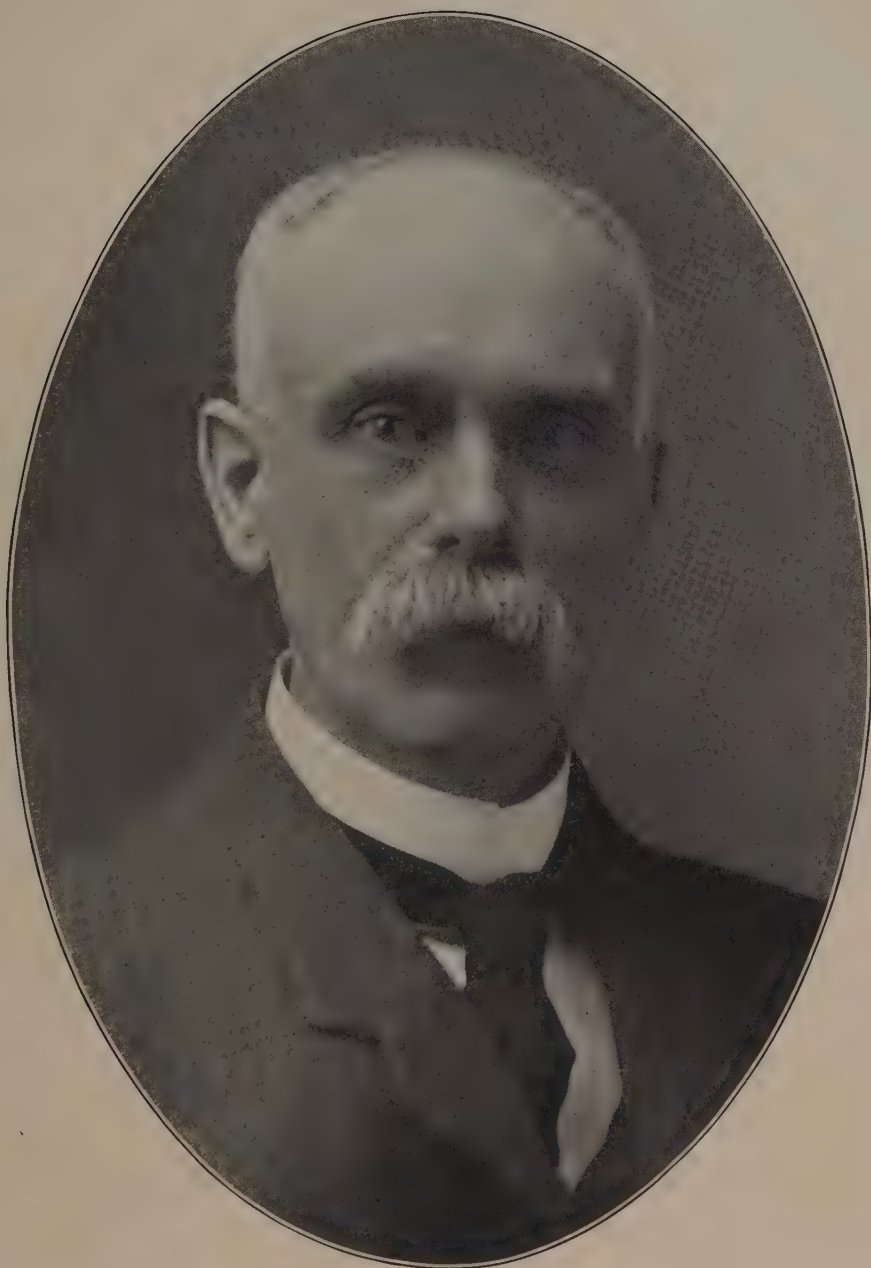
In 1915 Mr. Krimel was married to Miss Agnes M. Donaldson, of Chicago, the daughter of James H. and Susan (McCallen) Donaldson. They have two children, Barbara and Donald.

Mr. Krimel is a Republican, a vestryman in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and is active in the Butler Board of Commerce and is president of the Fellowship Club. He also holds membership in the Sterling Club.

William H. Gelbach, deceased, ranked among the substantial citizens of Zelienople, where he served as justice of the peace. He was born near Evans City, in Forward Township, Butler County, December 10, 1852, and was the son of Philip and Sophia (Dambach) Gelbach.

Philip Gelbach, deceased, was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife was born in France. They were children when their families emigrated to the United States and settled in Butler County. Mr. Gelbach was a successful farmer of Forward Township and after his retirement lived at Evans City, where he died at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife died at the age of eighty-four years and is buried with her husband at Evans City. Mr. Gelbach was a Democrat and held membership in the Evangelical Church at Evans City. To Mr. and Mrs. Gelbach the following children were born: Jacob, who died in 1924, at the age of seventy-seven years; Phillip, deceased; Mrs. Louise Blakely, died in 1878; William H., the subject of this sketch; Julia, married Peter Schenck, lives at Elwood City, Pennsylvania; Christopher, lives retired at Mars, Pennsylvania; and John A., lives at Elwood City, Pennsylvania, where he is a prominent banker.

William H. Gelbach was educated at Perrysburg (Ohio) Academy, and at an early age became interested in the general mercantile business at Zelienople. In 1892 he sold his business and in partnership with his brothers founded the Gelbach Brothers Bank. Later, it was incorporated as the First National Bank and Mr. Gelbach served as cashier for ten years. He was extensively interested in the insurance business at Zelienople for a number of years and served as justice of the peace from 1913 until his death, which occurred February 25, 1927.



WILLIAM H. GELBACH

Mr. Gelbach married Miss Elizabeth Irvine, the daughter of William Irvine, deceased. They had five children, as follows: Josephine, unmarried, bookkeeper in the Citizens National Bank at Evans City; Julia Edith, twin sister of Josephine, married Benjamin R. Gardner, lives in Florida; Flora Isabelle, lives at home; Lillian, married Dr. Arthur E. Whitaker, of Zelienople; and Earl, who died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Gelbach was a Democrat. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church and served as clerk of sessions for thirty-five years. He stood well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Dr. A. E. Whittaker is one of Butler County's capable physicians and surgeons, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Zelienople. He was born at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1888, and is the son of Harry and Orcelia (Ferner) Whittaker.

Harry Whittaker was born near Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, and for many years has been a resident of Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, where he is still in the employ of the National Tube Company as a foreman. His wife was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker three children were born: Dr. A. E., the subject of this sketch; W. Henry, lives at Ellwood, Pennsylvania; and Helen Marie, lives at home.

Dr. A. E. Whittaker received his early education in the public schools of Ellwood City, and took up the study of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received his degree in 1912. He served as interne in the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, and since 1913 has been located at Zelienople, where he carries on a general practice. He is also local surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and a member of the staff of the Ellwood City General Hospital.

During the World War Doctor Whittaker volunteered for service and served with the Medical Corps of the Seventh Infantry at Camp Lee, Virginia.

On December 12, 1923, Doctor Whittaker was united in marriage with Miss Lillian Gelbach, of Zelienople, the daughter of William H.

and Elizabeth (Irvin) Gelbach, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Doctor Whittaker is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, Rotary Club, American Legion, and Phi Beta Pi fraternity. He is identified with the Butler County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Doctor Whittaker has been unusually successful in his work and is deservedly popular in the community.

J. Edward Gallagher is an enterprising and successful young business man of Butler. He was born in Butler County, October 29, 1900, and is the son of William L. and Catherine (Coyle) Gallagher.

William L. Gallagher, who lives in Butler, is a native of this city and for many years has engaged in building contracting. His wife is also a native of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher have ten children, as follows: James L., a radio operator with the U. S. Navy, is now stationed in Panama; J. Edward, the subject of this sketch; Mary Claire, lives at home; William A., lives at home; Elizabeth, deceased; Raymond, Bert, Catherine, and Charles, all at home; and Paul, deceased.

J. Edward Gallagher attended the district schools of Clearfield Township and later in Butler. He was associated with his father in the building business for some time and then went with the Standard Steel Car Company. In 1919 he entered the employ of the Standard Auto Company and two years later went with the E. J. Thompson Auto Painting Company of Pittsburgh, with whom he remained until 1925. He then established his present business in Butler and does first class automobile painting.

In November, 1922, Mr. Gallagher was married to Miss Agnes Griev, of Butler, the daughter of John and Carrie (Klingensmith) Griev. Mr. Griev lives in Butler. His wife is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher have been born two children, Agnes Elizabeth and William John.

Mr. Gallagher is a Democrat, a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, third degree.

E. Brooks Wise. Ranking high among the leading young business men of Butler is E. Brooks Wise, owner and manager of the Wise Machine Company. He was born in this city, December 14, 1896, and is the son of J. E. and Blanche (Thompson) Wise.

J. E. Wise, deceased, was a prominent citizen of Butler for many years. For a number of years he was connected with the Etna Manufacturing Company and in 1908 went with the Spang Company. Four years later he organized the Wise Machine Company, which he managed until his death in 1924. This firm is widely known in the manufacturing field as makers of oil well supplies.

E. Brooks Wise attended the public and high schools of Butler and in 1921 was graduated from Pennsylvania State College. He has since been identified with the business which was founded by his father.

Mr. Wise is a Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Sterling Club. He is unmarried.

H. F. Sandbach is one of the leading young business men of Butler, where he is secretary and treasurer of the Butler Lumber Company. He was born at Saginaw, Michigan, March 19, 1904, and is the son of D. F. and Catherine (Kline) Sandbach.

D. F. Sandbach is a native of Indiana but has spent the greater part of his life in Butler, where he is employed by the Standard Steel Car Company. His wife was born near Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Sandbach have six children, as follows: Elmer, lives at Jersey City, New Jersey; Ralph, lives at Butler; Edna, married R. L. Cowan, lives at Davenport, Oklahoma; Wilmer, at home; H. F., the subject of this sketch; and Ruth, at home.

H. F. Sandbach attended the public schools of Butler and is a graduate of Butler High School. He began his business career in the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company and since March, 1923, has been connected with the Butler Lumber Company, being elected secretary and treasurer of the firm in 1924. It is one of the best known lumber firms of the state and carries a complete line of lumber,

mill work and roofing supplies. The other officers of the company are: John Negley, president; Alfred M. Reiber, vice president.

Mr. Sandbach was married to Miss Eleanor Perrin, of Butler, the daughter of E. M. and Clara (Leibold) Perrin. They have two children, Catherine Clara and Edward Perrin.

Politically, Mr. Sandbach is a Republican. He is a member of St. Paul's Reform Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Sandbach has a wide acquaintance in the city and surrounding community and is well liked.

Dr. Robert J. Grossman. A leading physician and surgeon of Butler, and a public spirited citizen, is Dr. Robert J. Grossman, who has successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in this county since 1886. He was born on a farm in Cherry Township, Butler County, October 25, 1858, and is the son of John and Sarah (McClelland) Grossman.

John Grossman, deceased, was a native of Butler County, and a prosperous farmer of this section. He died in 1902 and his wife, who was born in County Down, Ireland, died in 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Grossman had eight children, as follows: Dr. Robert J., the subject of this sketch; Mary, married Alex Campbell of Clarion, Pennsylvania; Margaret J., married James Duffy, lives at Butler; Anna and Ellen, both deceased; Marie, married David N. McCandless, lives at Grove City, Pennsylvania; Dr. W. J., a physician, lives at Butler; and Flora I., married George Ray, lives at Queen's Junction, Pennsylvania.

Robert J. Grossman was educated in the primary schools of Cherry and Clay townships, and attended Sunbury Academy. He was employed in the lumber woods of McKean County, Pennsylvania, for several years and in this manner earned enough money to take up the study of medicine. He received his degree as Doctor of Medicine from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, in March, 1886, and immediately engaged in practice at Kane, Pennsylvania. After several months he removed to Coaltown, Butler County, where he remained for seven years. Doctor Grossman located in Butler in 1893, where he is well established, with offices at 408 Center Avenue.

On December 28, 1886, Doctor Grossman was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Schryock, of North Washington, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Thomas and Jane (McIlvain) Schryock. They had two children: Lloyd, married Ethel Logan, lives on the Grossman farm in Summit Township, and they have five children, Alberta, Robert L., John LeRoy, Eliza Jane, and Loyal; and one child of Doctor Grossman died in infancy. Mrs. Grossman died December 30, 1895, and Doctor Grossman was married the second time June 12, 1911, to Miss Agnes R. Redick, of Butler County, the daughter of Col. O. C. and Mrs. Redick. Mrs. Agnes R. Grossman died November 18, 1922. The first Mrs. Grossman was a graduate of the Wooster Medical School of Cleveland, Ohio, and was associated in practice with her husband.

Doctor Grossman is a Democrat, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World. Professionally he is affiliated with the Butler County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

Guy M. Stirling is an enterprising and well known merchant of Butler, where he is engaged in the grocery and feed business. He was born in Missouri, November 9, 1886, and is the son of William G. and Alice (Frazier) Stirling.

William G. Stirling, who lives in Butler, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Bakerstown and in early life removed to Hale City, Missouri, where he worked as a carriage builder for twenty years. He then returned to Bakerstown, Pennsylvania, and in 1922 he came to Butler, where he resides with his son, Guy M. His wife, a native of Butler County, died May 15, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Stirling had the following children: William G., deceased; J. E., lives in Butler; Elizabeth, died at the age of nineteen years; Mary, married J. L. Kiskaddon, lives at Sunburst, Montana; Guy M., the subject of this sketch; Maria, married Floyd C. Cooper, lives at Hartzel Station; and Alice Maude, died at the age of two years.

Guy M. Stirling received his education in the public schools of Butler and Allegheny Counties and began his business career as a clerk in the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company. He was

later promoted to foreman of the plant, and served in that capacity for nine years. Mr. Stirling has been interested in business since May, 1912, and has a well established business at Mercer and New Castle streets, where he deals extensively in staple groceries, feed, flour, etc.

On June 17, 1907, Mr. Stirling was married to Miss Clare Blanche Fleeger, of Butler, the daughter of Josiah and Hattie (Kistler) Fleeger, both deceased. They have four children: William Earl, Blanche Elizabeth, Charles Frazier, and Guy M., Jr.

Mr. Stirling is a Republican, a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Rotary Club. He lives at 104 New Castle Street and also has a summer home at Petersville, Pennsylvania.

Rudolph J. Kleemann is a reliable and substantial business man of Butler, where he has successfully engaged in the plumbing business for twenty-three years. He was born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1877, and is the son of Jacob and Pauline (Hart) Kleemann.

Jacob Kleemann, deceased, was a native of Germany. He came to this country when about twenty years of age and settled at Wilkes Barre, where he owned and operated a hotel for many years. He died in 1910 and his wife, also a native of Germany, died in 1918. They had four children: Louis J., deceased; Otto A., lives in Philadelphia; Alfred E., lives in Pittsburgh; and Rudolph J., the subject of this sketch.

Rudolph J. Kleemann grew up in Wilkes Barre and received his education in the public schools there, and also attended Wilkes Barre Business College. He learned the plumbing trade while in the employ of J. W. Patton & Company, with whom he remained for seven years. He then was connected with the B. G. Carpenter Company at Wilkes Barre for five years, after which he entered the employ of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, as foreman of the air, water and gas department in the coach department. After two years he came to Butler and there entered the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company. Mr. Kleemann organized the Kleemann Plumbing & Heating Company

in 1904 and conducts one of the leading businesses of its kind in the county. It is located at 489 West Wayne Street.

In 1897 Mr. Kleemann was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Kraft, of Shawnee Lake, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Marion and Rudolph, Jr.

Politically, Mr. Kleemann is a Democrat, and served three terms or nine years as a councilman in the original borough of Butler. He is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose.

Joseph L. Gutwein, manager of the National Cash Register Company in Butler, is one of the leading and well known business men of the city. He was born at Dayton, Ohio, April 24, 1884, and is the son of Daniel and Philomena (Kline) Gutwein.

Daniel Gutwein, who lives retired in Dayton, Ohio, is a native of Germany, as is his wife. When he was 25 years old he emigrated to the United States and located in Dayton, where he was a well known interior decorator for many years.

After completing his schooling in the public schools of Dayton, Joseph L. Gutwein went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked as a contractor for a short time. He was then connected with the department store of Alms & Dolpke for three years, then with the business of John Schillito for three years, and then with the Fair Store for three years. Mr. Gutwein also spent one year with Rollman & Sons, afterward returning to Dayton, where he was associated with the Louis Traxler Company for two years. In 1913 he became identified with the National Cash Register Company but shortly afterward went with the Brown Furniture Company, where he remained for six years. From there he went with Meyer & Mendoza Company for two years. In February, 1920, Mr. Gutwein returned to the employ of the National Cash Register Company and served as salesman at the company's branch at Binghamton, New York. In 1925 he was transferred to Auburn, N. Y., where he was manager until January 1, 1926, when he came to Butler, Pennsylvania. He is now manager of the territory included in Butler, Venango, Clarion and Forest

counties and handles more than 2,800 dealers. The local office of the company was established in 1921.

Mr. Gutwein married Miss Mary J. Fredericks, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have four children: Louise, Virginia, Richard, and Daniel.

Mr. Gutwein is a member of St. Peter's Church, Kiwanis Club, and belongs to the Elks Lodge.

The First National Bank of Slippery Rock is one of the most dependable banking institutions of Butler County. It was organized in 1902 by John A. Aiken and W. Henry Wilson, with a capital stock of \$25,000. The first president, W. Henry Wilson, continued in office until his death, which occurred in 1917. J. E. Stoops then became president.

In 1926 the bank building was remodeled throughout and new banking facilities installed. The burglar proof vault is 9x18 feet in size.

The First National Bank has enjoyed a steady growth since the time of its organization and this fact is borne out in the bank's financial statements, which are issued annually. In 1903 the surplus was \$4,189.23, with deposits amounting to \$181,048.02. In March, 1927, the surplus amounted to \$76,095.43, with deposits totaling \$766,946.09.

The present officers are: J. E. Stoops, president; M. A. Gibson, vice president; John A. Aiken, cashier; and Ralph A. McBride, assistant cashier. The directors are: J. E. Stoops, M. A. Gibson, S. J. Taylor, John A. Aiken, and J. V. Ritts.

John A. Aiken, cashier of the First National Bank of Slippery Rock, ranks high among the leading and successful business men of Butler County. He was born at North Sewickley, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1870, and is the son of Robert C. and Tirza Jane Aiken.

Robert C. Aiken spent most of his life at North Sewickley, Pennsylvania. He was a large land owner and a prosperous farmer of that section. He died in 1913.



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SLIPPERY ROCK, PA.

After completing his early schooling, John A. Aiken attended Sewickley Academy and Slippery Rock State Normal School. He then became associated with the private banking business of W. Henry Wilson at Slippery Rock, and in 1902 when Mr. Wilson organized the First National Bank, Mr. Aiken was made cashier, in which capacity he has since served.

Mr. Aiken was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Irwin, of Beaver County, Pennsylvania. They have three daughters: Lelah, Marie and Marjorie.

Mr. Aiken is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and its various branches. He is treasurer of Slippery Rock State Normal School and a director and treasurer of the Slippery Rock Independent Telephone Company.

Bliss G. Elliott is well and favorably known in Butler, where he is successfully engaged in the printing business as proprietor of the Elliott Printing Company. He was born on a farm in Buffalo Township, Butler County, September 30, 1881, and is the son of Riddle William and Angeline (Cruikshank) Elliott.

Riddle William Elliott, deceased, was a native of Buffalo Township, Butler County, and the great grandson of Massa Harbison, who was captured by the Indians in Butler County during the early days. R. W. Elliott was always a farmer and also owned and operated a threshing rig and sawmill in Center, Buffalo and Clay Townships for many years. He died in 1920 and his wife, a native of Winfield Township, Butler County, died in 1892. Riddle William Elliott was married the first time to Angeline Cruikshank and the following children were born: Harvey O., lives in Clay Township, Butler County; Bliss G., the subject of this sketch; Bessie B., married Ernest White, lives at Blossvale, New York; Pearl Blanche, deceased; Chloe Edna, died in 1886; and Percy J., lives at Central Islip, New York. Mr. Elliott married the second time to Annie McWilliams. She was a native of Center Township, Butler County Pennsylvania. She died in 1919, and no children were born to this last union.

Bliss G. Elliott received his early education in the public schools and attended West Sunbury Academy, Slippery Rock Normal School

and Grove City College. He was graduated in the class of 1910 from Wooster College at Wooster, Ohio. Mr. Elliott was interested in school teaching for 14 years and spent seven years of that period as a member of the faculty of Butler High School. His first business connection was with the Standard Steel Car Company in Butler and in 1923 he established his present business at 235 South Main Street.

On August 25, 1910, Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Margaret Iva Laing, of Ingram, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of James and Margaret (Rainey) Ingram, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have two children, Alvin Wayne and Helen Gertrude.

Mr. Elliott is a Republican, a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias.

Hermann Julius Klingler, deceased, was a captain of industry in Butler, Pennsylvania. He was the founder of the great industry of which he was the head, and founder of the house of H. J. Klingler & Company. He was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, and came to this country, settling in Manor Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, where he went on a farm. He belonged to a family of millers, and his natural bent was soon to assert itself. At the age of eighteen he married and moved to Kittanning, where he was employed as clerk in a store. Coming to Butler in 1849 he bought the United States Hotel at Main and Jefferson streets. In 1852 he demolished the old structure and erected in its place the Lowry House, which he conducted for eight years. With James Campbell as a partner he engaged in the dry goods business, thereafter opening a store at the southwest corner of Main and Mifflin streets. The firm was Campbell & Klingler. His next venture was in the foundry business, which he entered in partnership with Martin Reiber, under the style of Reiber & Klingler. He sold his hotel in 1860, and built himself the large and elegant dwelling house he occupied at Jefferson and McKean streets. In 1862 he gave up all his other interests to engage in the oil industry. With John Berg, Sr., he operated above Oil City. They made the first shipments to Europe, the consignment being to Liver-

pool, England, in 1863. In 1865, Mr. Klingler, in association with John Berg, Jr., organized the Butler County Oil Company. Mr. Klingler was its superintendent for the two years of its existence. He was the leader in acquiring 12,000 acres in Butler, Armstrong and Beaver counties, extending from Parker to Millertown. For test wells were drilled and no oil was found. In a later period, the drill was sent down through the second stratum of sand, and oil was found in abundance; so that the field became one of the richest in the whole United States. In 1867, Mr. Klingler turned to milling, and built a grist mill, which took the name of Klingler's Mills. In 1876 he erected the main office at No. 139 East Jefferson Street. In 1877 he remodelled the mill and introduced an improved grinding process, which utilized a small millstone and resulted in economical consumption of the grain. Rolls were invented, and he was among the first to try them out. He began carefully and the results were so satisfactory that in 1883-1884 he installed the roller system throughout and the company took the name of the Oriental Roller Mills. In 1885 he built a shipping house, 50x100 feet, opposite the West Penn Railroad station. In 1886 he took in as partners his two sons, Harry S. and Fred J. Klingler, and arranged for a large expansion of the business. In 1889 he erected the Specialty Roller Mills and the West Penn Elevator on the side of the shipping house. In 1891 the Oriental Rolling Mills were remodelled outside and inside, and the growing business compelled their remodelling and overhauling again in 1907 and 1908. Mr. Klingler was an organizer and one of the first board of directors of the First National Bank of Butler. He resigned after a few years to devote his attention to the Butler Savings Bank. He assisted in organizing the German National Bank of Millertown, of which he was a director. He was a director and president of the National Gas Company; of the Butler Improvement Association at the time of its organization; and before there was a Chamber of Commerce he took the initiative in bringing new enterprises to Butler, among them the Standard Plate Glass Factory, of which he was the president and general manager. In 1890 he bought 12 acres and plotted 39 lots between Mifflin and Penn streets. In this tract he erected many houses. Mr. Klingler was a Lutheran in his religious faith. He was treasurer of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, the

institution conducted by the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and adjacent states. He was a delegate in 1893 from the Pittsburgh Synod to the General Council of the Lutheran Assembly at Fort Wayne, Indiana. In politics he was a Democrat.

Mr. Klingler was married, October 24, 1848, to Anna Barbara Reiber, daughter of Martin Reiber, Sr. They were the parents of eight children, of whom two survived their parents: Harry Samuel, of whom further mention is made; Frederick Julius, and Paul Gerhardt. Charles Washington died, leaving a wife and six children, four of whom died in their youth.

Harry Samuel Klingler, now deceased, was the eldest son. He was educated in the public schools of Butler and at Capital University, Columbus. In 1875, just out of college, he entered the mill of his father to learn the milling business in all its details. His aptitude was great, and in 1878 he became general manager, and afterwards a member of the firm. He gained a wide reputation as an expert practical miller. He disclosed literary abilities and wrote valuable articles. Some of them he read before the Pennsylvania Millers' State Association, while others were published in leading trade papers. In July, 1883, he won the prize offered by the "American Miller" for the best essay on "The Handling of Middlings, and the Use of Purifiers." He contributed other articles to the "American Miller" during 1884-1885, and for four years he supported informally with his pen the "Milling Engineer," besides writing other trade papers. His column, "Random Reflections", in other journals of the trade attracted wide attention, and proved him a writer and paragrapher of superior talents. In December, 1886, he was a prime mover in the organization of the Pennsylvania Millers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, after which he was a director for many years. He took an interest in all the social and civic affairs of Butler, but never to the neglect of his life-work, milling. Brought up in the faith of the Lutheran Church, he continued one of its steadfast adherents, and was a useful worker in the Butler congregation. For ten years he served acceptably as superintendent of the Sunday School; and at the fifty-first convention of the Pittsburgh Synod of the General Council held at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, September 13-20, 1893, he was elected a trustee of Thiele College, Greenville. His death occurred November 14, 1912.

Harry S. Klingler was married February 8, 1878, to Louisa Catherine Keck, daughter of Jacob Keck, of Butler. Seven children were born to them: Charlotte Frederica; William Julius, of whom further; Alberta Barbara; Clara Louisa; Harry Samuel, Jr.; Florence Elizabeth; and Ethel Pauline.

William Julius Klingler was educated in the public and high schools of Butler and was graduated from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. On leaving college he entered the plant of his father and uncle, the H. J. Klingler & Company. After learning the business thoroughly he took over the entire management for the heirs in 1920. In this he was associated with Paul E. Eisler. They have continued to administer the property ever since. In 1924, with H. O. Carson, Mr. Klingler established the Klingler-Carson Company, manufacturers of cement blocks, and the leaders of this line in Butler County. Mr. Klingler is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Board of Commerce.

William Julius Klingler married, April 25, 1907, Nettie Virginia Allen, and they are the parents of two children: Virginia Allen, and Charlotte Ann. The address of Mr. Klingler is Lookout Avenue, Butler.

Harry P. McCarnes, a substantial citizen and reliable business man, living in Butler, is a native of Butler County. He was born at Fairview, March 17, 1877, and is the son of Edwin and Minnie Sallinda (Painter) McCarnes.

Edwin McCarnes spent practically his entire life in Butler and now lives retired in this city. His father was the owner of a foundry in this city and was widely known. Edwin McCarnes also was interested in the oil industry. His wife was the daughter of Josiah Painter, of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. She died February 11, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. McCarnes had three children: Harry P., the subject of this sketch; Bert, lives in Butler; and Jessie, married B. L. Larimer, lives in Butler.

After completing his schooling in the district schools of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, Harry P. McCarnes attended Slippery Rock Normal School and Butler Business College. He then became

connected with the Philadelphia Gas Company of Pittsburgh and after six months went to New Castle, Pa., where he was employed by the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company for ten years. Mr. McCarnes then went with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for ten years and was stationed at New Castle during that time. From there he went to Indiana County, Pa., where he worked in the mines for three years. He returned to New Castle and spent a year with the Pennsylvania Railroad before coming to Butler, where he was connected with the the Rudd Construction Company. The McCarnes Auto Top Company was founded in 1921 and purchased by Mr. McCarnes December 23, 1925. He is also associated with his father, Edwin McCarnes. The company specializes in the making of automobile tops, curtains, and seat covers, and does high grade repair work also.

Mr. McCarnes was married to Miss Margaret Esther Byers, of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, the daughter of George and Jane Byers. She died December 11, 1917, and is buried in North Hill Cemetery, Butler.

Mr. McCarnes is independent in politics. He holds membership in St. Peter's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

Ernest F. Kemper is a substantial citizen and highly esteemed business man of Butler, where he is connected with the firm of Kemper & Patterson. He was born in this city, June 17, 1886, and is the son of Frank and Magdalene (Fischer) Kemper.

Frank Kemper, retired, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Coylesville, and has lived most of his life in Butler, where he was well known as a harness maker before his recent retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Kemper live at 528 Locust Street. They have the following children: Anna M., a teacher in Butler High School; George M., Butler; Joseph S., lives at Elwood City, Pennsylvania; Charles A., lives in Butler; and Ernest F., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his schooling in Butler, Ernest F. Kemper entered the employ of the Butler Engine Company. Later he went with Joseph Sherman Machine Company, Butler. He then served as assistant foreman of the machine shops of the Standard Steel Car Company. In 1919, in partnership with Melvin T. Patterson, Mr. Kemper

established the present business, which is located at North and Bluff streets. This shop specializes in cylinder grinding, and also does general machine work.

In 1915 Mr. Kemper was married to Miss Anna M. Lewis, of Harrisville, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis. Five children were born: Ruth, Frances, Robert Lewis, Doris May, Ernest Francis, and James Anthony. Mrs. Kemper died March 23, 1927, and is buried in the North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kemper is a Republican, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, 4th degree, and Loyal Order of Moose.

Bennett R. Cooke is an enterprising young business man of South Butler, where he is proprietor of the Terrace Service Station. He is a native of West Virginia, born at Parkersburg, November 29, 1895, and the son of Dr. Bennett and Nellie May (Furry) Cooke.

Dr. Bennett Cooke, deceased, was a native of Parkersburg, West Virginia, born in 1848. He traveled extensively, but spent the latter years of his life at Parkersburg, West Virginia. About 1894, after his marriage, he retired. Dr. Bennett Cooke was reared in Parkersburg, West Virginia, the forefathers coming to the United States from England about 1740. Doctor Cooke received his education at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, and later attended a medical college in the East. He was a promoter of horse racing and owned a string of trotting horses, two valuable ones being "Tosky" and "Duke." His medical work was done in several cities, including New York City, Cleveland, Ohio., Chicago, Illinois, Toronto, Canada, and Buffalo, New York. He did not practice medicine in West Virginia. He died July 19, 1902, and is buried at Parkersburg. His widow, a native of Belphry, Ohio, resides in Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke had only one child, Bennett R., the subject of this sketch.

Bennett R. Cooke grew up in Parkersburg, where he attended the public schools. He also attended high school in Pittsburgh and at an early age learned telegraphy with the Western Union Telegraph Company. Later, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as supervisor of the automatic department. Mr. Cooke has been

interested in business in Butler since 1924 and operates a first class service station on the Pittsburgh-Butler Plank road, Route No. 8.

On September 9, 1919, Mr. Cooke was united in marriage with Miss Wilda Heasley, of Kittanning, Pennsylvania. They have no children.

Mr. Cooke is a Republican, a member of the United Brethren Church, and belongs to the Knights of Malta.

Dr. A. Frank Seifris, of Mars, is one of the leading physicians of Butler County and a veteran of the World War. He was born in Philadelphia, August 23, 1888, and is the son of Frank and Mary (Gerbner) Seifris.

Frank Seifris, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was about eighteen years of age when he came to the United States and settled at Woodbury, N. J., where he spent most of his life. His wife was born in Philadelphia and is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Seifris five children were born: Alfred, lives in Philadelphia; Dr. A. Frank, the subject of this sketch; Susanne, died in infancy; Mary and Marion, both deceased.

A. Frank Seifris received his early education in the public schools of Philadelphia and in 1909 received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He served as interne in Cooper Hospital, Camden, New Jersey, and from 1910 until 1912 was located at South Fork, Pennsylvania. He has since engaged in private practice at Mars. During the World War Doctor Seifris volunteered for service and served in France as a captain in the Medical Corps.

Doctor Seifris was married to Miss Iva Fox, the daughter of William and Rosanna (Appleman) Fox, of South Fork. Mr. Fox is president of the South Fork Bank and president of the South Fork Brewing Company. Doctor and Mrs. Seifris have a daughter, Rosanna, born in 1915.

Doctor Seifris is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and is identified with the Butler County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is a capable man in his profession and an excellent citizen.



DR. A. FRANK SEIFRIS

Paul E. Eisler is a substantial citizen of Butler, where he has spent his entire life, and where he is identified with H. J. Klingler & Company as business manager. He was born in this city, December 19, 1876, and is the son of Martin and Emily (Kness) Eisler.

Martin Eisler, deceased, was a native of Germany. At an early age he emigrated to this country and settled in Butler, where he was a well known florist for many years. His wife was also born in Germany, and they were the parents of the following children: E. W.; C. M.; Emma B.; Paul E., the subject of this sketch; Bertha, married E. C. Mardorf; Mary, married Joseph Schmidt; Albert F.; Marjorie, married Frederick Keck; and Walter J.

As soon as he had completed his schooling in Butler, Paul E. Eisler entered the employ of H. J. Klingler and Company, millers, with whom he has been identified since 1892. Mr. Eisler has also been associated with Homer O. Carson and W. J. Klingler since January, 1924, in the builders' supply business.

On June 25, 1907, Mr. Eisler was united in marriage with Miss Charlotte Klingler, the daughter of Harry S. and Louisa C. (Keck) Klingler. The former is deceased and the latter lives in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Eisler have three children: Helen J., Dorothy L., and Paul Robert, all at home.

Mr. Eisler is a Democrat. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and a member of the Rotary Club of Butler.

Homer O. Carson, who is well known among the successful business men of Butler, is a native of Ohio. He was born in Wood County, October 29, 1883, and is the son of James C. and Sophia Elizabeth (Keyes) Carson.

James C. Carson, deceased, was a native of Ohio. He spent the greater part of his life in Licking County, Ohio, and was a farmer. He died in 1895, and his wife, who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, died in 1926.

After completing his early schooling at Granville, Ohio, Homer O. Carson attended Denison College, from which he was graduated as a civil engineer in 1906. He then became connected with the F. G.

Ross Company, Pittsburgh, and spent three years in their employ, after which he located in Butler. From 1909 until 1911 Mr. Carson served as assistant city engineer and from 1911 until June, 1921, held the responsible position of city engineer of Butler. In 1921 he organized the Carson Engineering & Construction Company, which he conducted until January, 1924, at which time he became identified with the contracting firm of Klingler & Carson.

On March 4, 1919, Mr. Carson was married to Miss Amy Pifer, of Butler. They have no children.

Politically, Mr. Carson is a Republican. He holds membership in the Bethany Reformed Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He lives at 324 Mercer Street, Butler.

J. Hummel Slear, widely known in Butler as a substantial citizen and reliable business man, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Union County, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1873, and is the son of Jerome D. and Esther Annie (Meckly) Slear.

Jerome D. Slear, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania. He was employed for many years by the Pennsylvania Railroad and lived at Sunbury. He died in 1921 and his wife died in 1909. They had six children: Elias Frederick, resides in Collinswood, New Jersey; J. H., subject of this sketch; Lillian, the wife of William Lyons, resides at Northumberland, Pennsylvania; David G., Sunbury, Pennsylvania; Reno, lives at Atlanta, Georgia, and Mary, wife of Herman Strunk, lives at East Orange, New Jersey.

After completing his schooling in Northumberland County, J. Hummel Slear entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He later became interested in business and for a number of years was employed by the Spaide Shirt Company of Butler as a traveling representative. In February, 1926, Mr. Slear organized his present business and has the agency for various kinds of farm implements and machinery in Butler County. The line of farm machinery and equipment consists of the following companies: John Deere Plow Company, the Star and Landen Barn Equipment; the Fairbanks-Morse and Company; the De Laval Separator Company; Harrison Silo Com-

pany; the Bean Sprayer; Black Hawk Spreader. Mr. Slear is associated in business with his sons, Carl and Ralph, and the firm is known as Slear & Sons.

Mr. Slear married Miss Jennie Landau, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, and they had three children: Carl and Ralph, who live in Butler; and Harriet, who died in 1926.

Mr. Slear is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Masonic and Elk lodges and Kiwanis Club.

C. L. McKindree, who is manager of the Newark Shoe Company, is one of the enterprising and well known young business men of Butler. He was born at Loleta, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1905, and is the son of S. A. and Blanche (Kahle) McKindree.

S. A. McKindree is a native of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. He has spent most of his life at Kahletown, where he is extensively engaged in the lumber business. His wife is a native of that place. Mr. and Mrs. McKindree have the following children: C. L., the subject of this sketch; Verla; Doyle; Delbert; and Harold.

C. L. McKindree received his education in the public and high schools of Butler, from which he was graduated in 1926. Since that time he has been in charge of the local store of the Newark Shoe Company at 242 South Main Street. The local business was established about ten years ago and has a well established trade.

Mr. McKindree is a Republican and a member of the North Street Christian Church.

Edward Walter, proprietor of the Edward Walter Company, is a substantial and well known citizen of Butler, where he has spent his entire life. He was born in this city, February 4, 1870, and is the son of George and Elizabeth (Troutman) Walter.

Edward Walter spent his boyhood in Butler and attended the public schools. At an early age he became associated in business with his father, the firm then being known as George Walter & Sons. Mr. Walter died in February, 1903, and in April, 1926, Edward Walter

established his present business. He manufactures concrete blocks of various types, and is widely known as a dealer in builders' supplies.

In April, 1906, Mr. Walter was united in marriage with Miss Effie Richards, a native of Akron, Ohio, the daughter of W. E. and Sarah Jane (Tregoning) Richards. They have four children: Nellie, George, Sarah Jane, and Edward, Jr.

Mr. Walter is a Democrat and belongs to the Elks Lodge and Woodmen of the World. He lives at 502 South Washington Street.

H. S. Sheffler, proprietor and owner of the Sheffler Studio, is a successful business man and dependable citizen of Butler. He is a native of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, born April 24, 1884, and the son of R. B. and Alice (Fishell) Sheffler.

R. B. Sheffler was born at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, in 1857 and is still a resident of that place. He has been associated with the J. Covode Reed Lumber Company there for many years and is a member of the firm. His wife, a native of Miami County, Kansas, died September 25, 1926, and is buried at Greensburg. Mr. and Mrs. Sheffler had three children: H. S., the subject of this sketch; Will, lives at Greensburg, Pennsylvania; and Eugene, lives at Canton, Ohio.

H. S. Sheffler attended the public schools of Greensburg and Leech's Business College at that place. He is also a graduate of Greensburg Seminary and the Southern College of Art and Photography at McMinnville, Tennessee. He took post graduate work at that place in 1907 and has since been engaged in photography, having settled in Butler March 28, 1908. Mr. Sheffler purchased the Zuver Studio at 215 South Main Street in 1919 and is recognized as the city's leading and most up-to-date photographer. He specializes in portrait work and also does some commercial work.

In 1913 Mr. Sheffler was united in marriage with Dora Nicholas, of Evans City, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholas, both deceased. They have a son, Robert Charles.

Mr. Sheffler was prominent in the Boy Scout movement in Butler and is very active in that work at the present time. He is affiliated with various organizations and clubs.

Ralph W. Cooper is one of the enterprising and successful young business men of Butler County. He was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1900, and is the son of William H. and Margaret (Stepp) Cooper.

William H. Cooper, who died February 13, 1926, was a native of Butler County. He spent the greater part of his life in Armstrong County and was a farmer and stockman. His widow lives in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper had four children: Frank M., Mazie, Walden G., and Ralph W., the subject of this sketch.

Ralph W. Cooper attended the district schools of Penn Township and at an early age entered the steel mills at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, where he remained for three years. In 1924 Mr. Cooper bought five acres of land two and one-half miles south of Butler on the Butler-Pittsburgh Plank road. He erected a residence and filling station here and operated this station until July, 1926, when he sold out to William Hill. Mr. Cooper has extended his property until he has now built and sold five houses. His brother, Frank M., is now in the building business with him. Mr. Cooper is the only contractor of ready-cut houses in the county, making a specialty of this particular type of contracting.

On November 15, 1919, Mr. Cooper was married to Miss Martha E. Patterson, and they have a daughter, Jean.

Mr. Cooper is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church.

Edward T. Murphy is a substantial and reliable citizen of Butler, where he is engaged in the printing business as proprietor of the Murphy Printing Company. He was born at Little Falls, New York, June 23, 1889, and is the son of Thomas and Bridget (Dunn) Murphy.

Thomas Murphy is a well known resident of Little Falls, New York, where he was born. He has been connected with the Gilbert Knitting Mills Manufacturing Company there for many years. His wife was born in Ireland and was 18 years of age when her family came to this country. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have two sons: Edward T., the subject of this sketch; and Lester T., who lives at Little Falls, New York.

Edward T. Murphy spent his boyhood at Little Falls and attended the parochial schools and St. Mary's Academy there. He learned the printing trade at an early age and about 1910 removed to Butler, where he was employed by the Citizen Printing Company for a year. He was then with the Ziegler Printing Company of this city for four years and then went to Washington, District of Columbia, where he was connected with the government printing offices. After his return to Butler Mr. Murphy again went with the Citizen Printing Company for two years and in 1923 engaged in business for himself at 125 South Main Street.

On November 24, 1920, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage with Miss Helen Holby, of Butler. They have a son, Edward T. Murphy, Jr.

Mr. Murphy holds membership in St. Paul's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, 3rd degree, Elks Lodge, Kiwanis Club, and Sterling Club. He is a Republican.

Robert A. Garrard is a substantial citizen and leading business man of Butler, where he has engaged in the drug business for more than 20 years. He was born at Chicora, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1880, and is the son of Robert and Anna Marie (Hoon) Garrard.

Robert Garrard, deceased, was a native of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, born near Mt. Lebanon. He spent practically his entire life in Butler County and was a farmer in early life, later engaging in the general mercantile business at Butler for 25 years. He died in 1922, and his wife, a native of Center Township, died in 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Garrard had six children, as follows: John H.; George; Frank; Bertha; Robert A., the subject of this sketch; and Ada.

Robert A. Garrard secured his education in the public and high schools of Butler and entered the Crystal Pharmacy as an apprentice druggist under Doctor Johnson. In 1904 Mr. Garrard graduated from the Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was later connected with the Reed Pharmacy and in April, 1906, opened Garrard's Pharmacy at 352 East Jefferson Street. Mr. Gar-

rard manages one of the largest drug businesses in the city and has an attractive store, where he employs four people.

Mr. Garrard married Miss Leah Belle Walters, the daughter of Henry and Sarah Amelia (Martin) Walters, of Evans City, Pennsylvania. Mr. Walters is deceased and his widow married Louis I. Nutt, and they reside in Butler, Pennsylvania. They had two daughters: Emma, who is deceased; and Mrs. Garrard. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Garrard: Richard Lewis, Robert Walter, Edward Wilfred, and Joan Amelia.

Mr. Garrard is a Republican in politics and holds membership in the Second Presbyterian Church.

Karl L. Smith, manager of the Atlas Pharmacy, is a reliable business man and highly esteemed citizen of Butler. He was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1880, and is the son of John P. and Catherine (Stevenson) Smith.

John P. Smith, deceased, spent his entire life in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and was a well known bulding contractor. He died in 1915 and his widow still resides in New Castle. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had two sons: Alan C., deceased; and Karl L., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his early schooling in New Castle, Karl L. Smith entered the University of Pittsburgh, where he studied pharmacy, and from which he received his degree in 1901. He then returned to New Castle and engaged in business there and at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, for twelve years. From there he went to Woodlawn, Pennsylvania, where he owned the Woodlawn Pharmacy. After his arrival in Butler Mr. Smith was connected with the Main Drug Company store at Main and Jefferson streets for three years. Mr. Smith is now manager of the Atlas Pharmacy which is located at 202 Center Avenue. Mr. Smith does general prescription work.

In 1906 Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Florence Jane Bonner, of Butler County, and the daughter of James Alvin and Catherine (Riddel) Bonner, pioneers of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have no children.

Mr. Smith is a Republican, a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and its various branches.

John L. Wilson, a substantial and well known business man of Butler, is a native of this city, born August 22, 1889. He is the son of John I. and Catherine (Wagner) Wilson.

John I. Wilson, deceased, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He spent many years in Butler, where he was interested in the manufacture of bricks. He died in 1899 and is buried in Butler. His widow is a native of Butler County and resides here.

John L. Wilson grew up in Butler and attended the public schools. He then spent thirteen years in the employ of the Forged Steel Wheel Company of Butler and in 1919 established his present business at 128 East Wayne Street. Mr. Wilson does photographic work on a wholesale commercial scale and has an extensive trade.

Mr. Wilson married Miss Fannie M. Smiley, of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and they have three children: John L., Jr., Smiley, and Edith Patricia.

Mr. Wilson is a Democrat and a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Harry E. McClain, a veteran of the World War, is one of the successful young business men of Butler, where he is manager of Hanson's Music Company. He was born at Sharon, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1890, and is the son of James N. and Mollie (Edmonds) McClain.

James N. McClain, deceased, was a native of Ohio. In early life he removed to Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he was well known for many years as a plumbing contractor. He died in 1911 and his widow, who was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, lives at Sharon, Pennsylvania. Their only child was Harry E., the subject of this sketch.

Harry E. McClain received his education in the public and high schools of Sharon and attended Bradley Polytechnic Institute at Peoria, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1913. He spent the following seven years with W. J. Horton, jeweler of Farrell, Pennsylvania, and then came to Butler, where he was connected with the Ralston-Smith Company, jewelers, until 1920. Mr. McClain enlisted for service in the World War on February 25, 1918, and was sent to Camp Hancock, Georgia, as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Tenth Infantry. He served in France and was severely wounded

during the battle of Chateau Thierry. After the close of the war Mr. McClain became a member of the jewelry firm of McClain & Waldron, which continued in business for five years. He then conducted the Butler Radio Shop for a short time before accepting his present position with the Hanson Music Company.

In June, 1920, Mr. McClain was married to Miss Marie Donohue, of Butler, and they have a daughter, Kathryn Marie.

Mr. McClain is active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and for two years served as post commander of Joseph T. Black Post No. 249. He also belongs to the American Legion. Mr. McClain is a Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Jesse C. Uber ranks high among the leading and successful young business men of Butler, where he is identified with Uber & Company, public accountants. He was born in Liberty Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1892, and is the son of Thomas and Mary (Kirkpatrick) Uber.

Thomas Uber is a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, as is his wife. They have always lived in Liberty Township, where Mr. Uber is a prosperous farmer and stockman. They have the following children: Bertha, Clarence, Anna, Edna, Paul, and Jesse C., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his early schooling in Mercer County, Jesse C. Uber attended Slippery Rock Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1911. He then taught school in Liberty Township for two years, after which he went with the Citizens National Bank at Slippery Rock as a clerk. After nine months he became associated with the First National Bank of Grove City, Pennsylvania, where he also remained for four years. He was then employed for a short time by the Westinghouse Air Brake Company in Pittsburgh, and later was with Ernst & Ernst, public accountants of Pittsburgh. In May, 1922, Mr. Uber became connected with the Corona Cord Tire Company in Butler and served as secretary of that concern until November, 1925, when he organized the present business, which is known as Uber &

Company. They have offices in the Butler Savings Bank Building and do general accounting.

Mr. Uber married Miss Gyla Orr, of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, and they have four children: Leila, LeMoyne, Burton and Eleanor.

Mr. Uber is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias.

George J. Gerg, who represents the offices of Henry L. Doherty & Company, New York City, with offices in the Butler Savings & Trust Building, is a leading and widely known business man of this city. He was born at Saint Marys, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1877, and is the son of Anthony and Mary (Hoffman) Gerg.

Anthony Gerg, deceased, was born in Holland. At an early age he emigrated to this country and settled at Saint Marys, where he spent the remainder of his life in the manufacturing business. He died in 1901 and his wife died in 1889.

George J. Gerg attended the schools of Saint Marys and began his business career with the St. Marys Drug Company. Later he went with the Western Union Telegraph Company and after some time engaged in the brokerage business at Saint Marys, as a representative of a New York City concern. From there he went to Brookville, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1904. He then went to Toronto, Canada, with A. E. Ames & Company, municipal bond house, for seven years. Afterward he became connected with P. W. Cashman in Toronto, Canada, in the stock brokerage business and in 1919 went with Childs-Kay-Woods Company, Pittsburgh. In 1923 Mr. Gerg became the Butler representative of Henry L. Doherty & Company, promoters of the Cities Service Company, and dealers in high grade investment securities.

In 1904 Mr. Gerg was married to Miss Valletta Sandt, of Brookville, Pennsylvania. They have a daughter, Mary Romaine.

Mr. Gerg is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, third degree. He lives at 118 East Jefferson Street.

C. Lloyd Archer, one of Butler's most representative young business men, is a native of Pittsburgh. He was born August 30, 1901, and is the son of Allen and Jennie (Double) Archer.

Allen Archer was born in England and has lived in Pittsburgh for many years, where he is identified with the Carnegie Steel Company. His wife was born in Pittsburgh.

C. Lloyd Archer received his education in the public and high schools of Pittsburgh and began his business career with the Carnegie Steel Company. In 1919 he went with the R. E. Loughney Motor Company of Pittsburgh and after four years went with the Peru Model Engine Company, of Peru, Indiana. Mr. Archer is assistant manager of the company's local office, which is located in the Spang Building, Etna Street, South Side. K. F. Boehm is president and general manager.

On March 17, 1922, Mr. Archer was united in marriage with Miss Louise Marshall, the daughter of Tom and Alice (Smith) Marshall, of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Archer is a Republican and a member of the North Street Church of Christ. He and his wife are well known in the city and have many friends.

L. P. and W. L. Shaffer are popular young business men of Butler, where they are identified with Shaffer Bros. Motor Company, as distributors for the Jordan Motor Car Company in Butler County. They are the sons of H. T. and Mary (Logan) Shaffer.

H. T. Shaffer, a leading business man of Butler, is a native of Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania. He has lived in Butler for many years, where he is prominent as an oil producer and dealer. His wife was born in Butler County. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have the following children: Charles, Carl, L. P., Rhea, W. L., Grace, James, Francis, and Melvin.

L. P. Shaffer was born in Penn Township, Butler County, July 7, 1897. He attended the public schools of the community in which he spent his boyhood and at an early age became associated in the oil business with his father. In 1914 he entered the automobile business and spent the following four years in the employ of the

Butler Buick Company. Since 1918 Mr. Shaffer has been identified with his brother as a partner in the Shaffer Bros. Motor Company, 218 East Cunningham Street. They maintain an attractive salesroom and high grade service department at this address and are leading automobile dealers of this section.

On August 9, 1916, L. P. Shaffer was married to Miss Zula Shawkey, of Butler, the daughter of Charles and Mary Shawkey, formerly of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Lewis P., Jr., Victor, and Mildred.

Mr. Shaffer is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Elks Lodge.

W. L. Shaffer was born in Butler County, December 19, 1899, and spent his early life in Penn Township. He is a graduate of Butler High School and since 1918 has been interested in the automobile business with his brother.

On August 30, 1921, W. L. Shaffer was married to Miss Marian Brown Goff, of Butler, the daughter of Harry and Maude (Brown) Goff. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have a son, William Harry.

Mr. Shaffer is a Republican. Both he and his brother are enterprising and reliable business men of the city and are well liked.

John C. Clark, Doctor of Naturopathy, is a progressive and widely known citizen of Butler, where he has engaged in the practice of his profession for the past five years. He was born at Mars, Pennsylvania, June 5, 1888, and is the son of William and Emma Eliza (Feil) Clark.

William Clark, who died in 1907, was a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Mars, where he spent his entire life as a farmer. He was the son of Joseph Clark, who settled in that section about 1796. William Clark married Emma Eliza Feil, a native of Butler County, and she now resides at Mars.

After completing his preliminary schooling, John C. Clark took correspondence work through the International Correspondence School. He later went to Chicago and attended the International College of Drugless Physicians, from which he was graduated in

1921. Since that time Doctor Clark has maintained offices at 123 South Main Street, where he is well established.

On June 12, 1922, Doctor Clark was married to Miss Charlotte Collings, of Brighton, England. They have a son, Paul Russel.

Doctor Clark is independent in politics. He is active in the work of the International Bible Students Association and is a substantial citizen of the community in which he lives.

Matt Yost ranks high among the widely known citizens of Butler, where he has spent the greater part of his life. He was born at East Brady, in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1861, and is the son of John and Elizabeth (Fries) Yost.

John Yost was born in Germany and was nineteen years old when he emigrated to this country and settled in Clarion County, Pennsylvania. He was a steel worker. Mr. Yost died in 1881 and his wife died in 1919. They had three children: Elizabeth, the widow of Phillip Hunkensicker, lives in Chicago; Matt, the subject of this sketch; and Mary, married David Murray, lives at Verona, Pennsylvania.

Matt Yost attended the schools of East Brady and at an early age became interested in the painting contracting business. Later, he worked in the oil fields of Butler County and also was connected with a local hotel for twenty years. In 1917 Mr. Yost went to Texas, where he was widely known as an oil well promoter, drilling the first well in Pioneer, Eastland County, Texas. After his return to Butler Mr. Yost again became city councilman. He lives at 104 Hazel Avenue.

Mr. Yost was married first to Miss Magdalene Hertwick, of Brady Bend Township, Clarion County, Pennsylvania. She died in 1903, leaving the following children: Frank Francis, now deceased; Louisa; Joseph G., now deceased; Josephine; and Gertrude. Mr. Yost was later married to Miss Anna G. Gompers, of Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Yost has always been a Republican in politics and served as a member of the city council during the years 1913-14-15-16-17. He again served in that capacity in 1923-24-25-26-27. He is a member of the Board of Commerce and for the past twenty-one years has been

director of the local lodge, Knights of St. George. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Loyal Order of Moose, Knights of Pythias, Eagles Lodge, and Mystic Chain.

Mr. Yost is a director of the Texas Oil Company of Eastland County, Texas, and is a director of the Bruin Oil Company, Butler.

William C. Miles is a reliable and well known young business man of Butler, where he is connected with the Peerless Gasoline Company as manager of the Wilson Filling Station at Fourth and New Castle streets. He was born at Tyrone, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1900, and is the son of Harry H. and Julia (Yocum) Miles.

Harry H. Miles is a native of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, and has spent most of his life in Butler, where he is employed by the Standard Steel Car Company. His wife was born at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Miles have five children: William C., the subject of this sketch; Robert; Alma; Aletha; and May.

William C. Miles attended the public schools of Tyrone and Butler High School. He was in the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company for three years, and then spent one year with the McIntyre Motor Company. He has been connected with the Peerless Gasoline Company since 1924, the headquarters of which are located at Karns City, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Miles is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Nick Fratto, an enterprising and well known young business man of Butler, is a native of this city. He was born August 16, 1904, and is the son of Dominic and Rose (Cicio) Fratto.

Dominic Fratto emigrated to this country from Italy at an early age and settled in Butler, where he has been in the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company for many years. His wife is also a native of Italy. They have six children, as follows: Mary, married

Samuel Cappcat, lives at Ambridge, Pennsylvania; Nick, the subject of this sketch; Samuel, Frank, Phillip, and Catherine, all at home.

Nick Fratto attended the public and high schools of Butler and at an early age entered the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company, where he remained for four years. He then became associated with E. B. McCandless in 1922 and until 1926 they conducted a high grade auto radiator and fender shop at Cunningham and Monroe streets. Mr. Fratto has conducted the shop alone since 1926 and is expert in auto radiator repairing and recoring work. He makes a specialty of fender and body repair work also.

In March, 1925, Mr. Fratto was married to Miss Mary Scialabba, of Butler, the daughter of Peter and Roselia Scialabba. They have a daughter, Rose Beatrice.

Mr. Fratto is a Republican and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

John C. McCauley, manager of the W. F. Fredericks Piano Company, is one of the most successful business men of Butler. He was born at Altoona, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1882, and is the son of George and Phoebe (Croft) McCauley.

George McCauley was born at Bedford, Pennsylvania, and spent the greater part of his life at Altoona, where he was interested in the iron business. He died in 1884 and his wife, also a native of Bedford, Pennsylvania, died in 1913. Mr. and Mrs. McCauley had only one child, John C., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his schooling in Altoona, John C. McCauley was associated with the Union News Company as manager of the company's business at Tyrone, Pennsylvania. Four years later he entered the motion picture business at Altoona and Blairsville. After several years he went with the A. B. Smith Music Company, of Akron, Ohio, and later was connected with the Steinway and Sons of Cincinnati, Ohio. He then served as store manager for the Wurlitzer Company at Piqua, Ohio, afterward again entering the employ of the Steinway Company. Since 1923 Mr. McCauley has been with the W. F. Fredericks Piano Company. This business was established in Butler more than twenty years ago, the home office and factory being

located at Uniontown, Pennsylvania. They are wholesale and retail dealers in musical instruments, as well as pianos.

Mr. McCauley was married to Miss Alfreda Miller, of Kittanning.

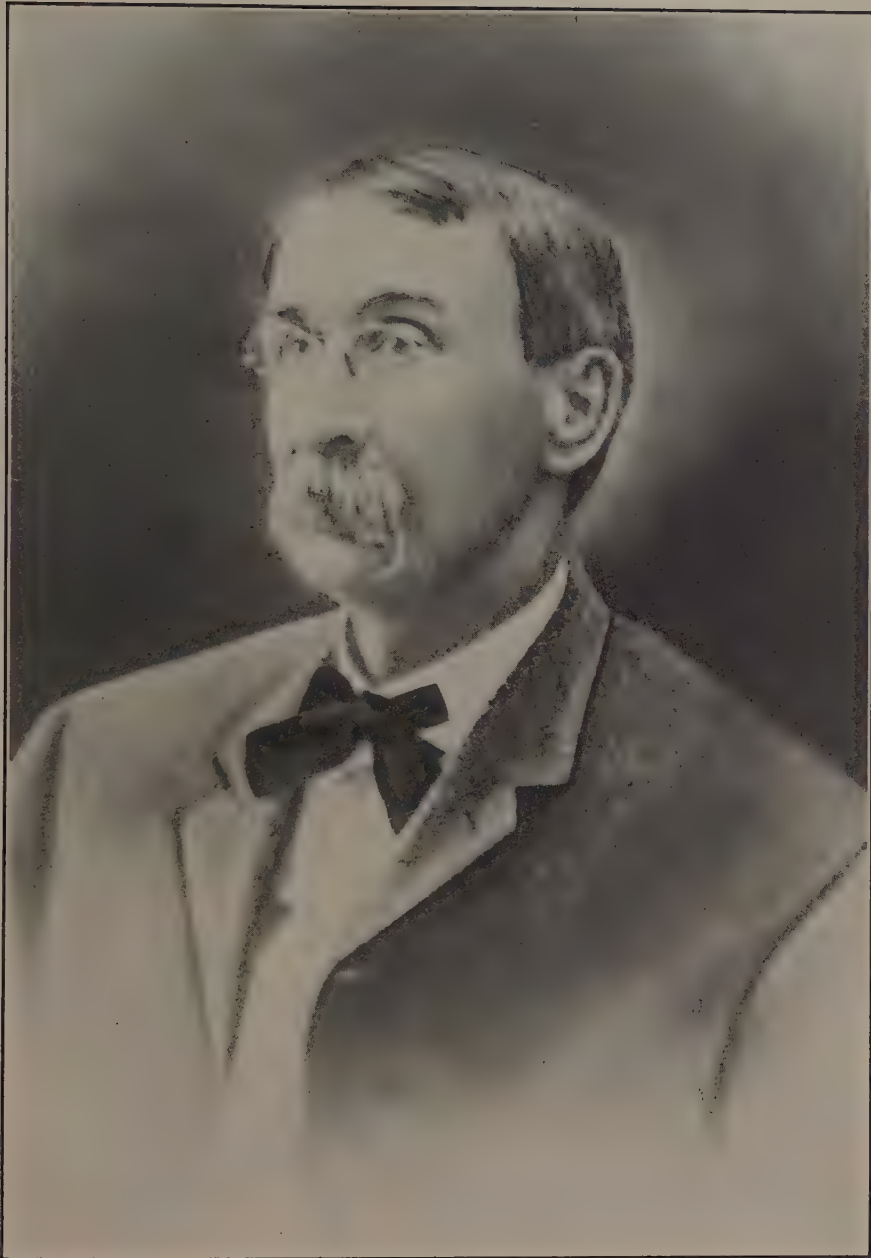
Mr. McCauley is a member of the Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Board of Commerce. He is a Democrat.

Thomas M. Marshall, deceased, was a leading citizen and well known business man of Mars. He was born on the old Marshall farm west of Mars, the son of Samuel and Mary (Gilland) Marshall.

The Marshall family settled in Butler County about 1800. Judge Samuel Marshall was well known as local judge for many years. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. They were the parents of ten children, all of whom are now deceased.

Thomas M. Marshall followed farming in early life. Later he conducted a general mercantile business at Mars for many years. He was also active in the oil fields of the state at the time of his death, which occurred April 22, 1908. He is buried at Mars.

On May 7, 1865, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage with Miss Agnes M. Rea, who was born on the Rea farm March 8, 1846, the daughter of William and Nancy (Stoolfire) Rea, both deceased. Mr. Rea was born on a sailing vessel between Ireland and the United States, when his parents were en route to this country. They located near Evans City in Butler County, and later lived in Missouri. Three of their daughters are living: Mandela, married John Stapples, lives at Callery, Pennsylvania; Mary, married Samuel J. Marshall, lives at Mars; and Agnes M. Marshall. To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall ten children were born, three of whom are living: E. L., lives at Pittsburgh, married Bessie Godwin, of Butler, and they have a daughter, June; Walter B., lives at Cadiz, Ohio, married Bertha Kent; and Nancy, who lives with her mother at Mars. The following are deceased: John Dean, born December 18, 1866, died March 20, 1898, leaving a widow and two children, Ruth, who married L. Caldwell, and John Dean, who married Betty Taylor: Ada Irene, born October 16, 1867, died July 16, 1890; Samuel Ray, born January 22, 1872, died August



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16, 1872; Thomas, born September 28, 1882, died in infancy; and Cyrus, born January 5, 1883, died in 1886.

Mr. Marshall was a Democrat and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. His widow resides in Mars and is the owner of two farms in Adams Township. She has a wide acquaintance and many friends in Butler County.

Howard Green. (By Harvey B. Gaul.) Up in George Bob Wick's bailiwick lives a most promising pianist-composer. He is Howard Green, and the town of Butler has reason to be proud of him.

Last week he came in to play with "Concerto No. 3" tucked under his arm. Most composers, or at least youngsters, never get beyond "Concerto No. 1," but that lad is three up in the hazardous game. He also brought in a portfolio of songs, organ pieces and whatnot.

He has a fine sense of form, and, strange as it may seem in these dissonant days, he has a sense of melody. He writes with virility and his stuff "sounds." It is our opinion that he will go far.

As to his playing, it is beautifully pianistic, sharp, clean, dynamic. Whoever it was who taught him keyboardism down East, he or they have done a real work of craftsmanship.

Remember this name, Howard Green. Butler is only thirty miles away and some day he will emerge from that town with a string of compositional or pianistic honors.—Pittsburgh Sunday Post, November 14, 1926.

F. A. W. Green is a leading young business man of Butler and a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, February 2, 1899, and is the son of William H. and Mary (Logan) Green.

William H. Green was born at Arcade, New York. About thirty years ago he came to Butler, where he has been active and successful in the coal and gas business. In 1915 in partnership with T. J. Shufflin, he established the firm of Shufflin & Green, which is located at 100 South Monroe Street. Mr. Shufflin is no longer connected with the concern, which is one of the city's leading dealers in coal and

builders' supplies. Mary (Logan) Green was born in Pennsylvania and died in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Green had two children: Helen, married C. E. Shewalter, lives in Butler; and F. A. W., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his schooling in the public schools of Butler, F. A. W. Green enlisted for service during the World War and served as a private with Aero Squadron No. 289 at Kelly Field, Texas. He was discharged at the close of the war after seventeen months in service. He has since been associated in business with his father. He is also a director of the Peoples Telephone Company.

Mr. Green is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, third degree, Elks Lodge, Kiwanis Club, Butler Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburgh Athletic Club, Butler Country Club, and Sterling Club. He is a Republican and has an extensive acquaintance in the community in which he lives.

Lon Green, who has been identified with the shoe business for thirty-six years, ranks high among the reliable business men and substantial citizens of Butler. He was born in Butler, October 27, 1875, and is the son of Thomas S. and Anna M. (Carnahan) Green.

Thomas S. Green was a native of Philadelphia. He spent most of his life in Butler, where he was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad for many years as manager of the local railroad station. He died in 1904, and his wife, who was born at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, died in 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Green had four children: Harry; Lon (the subject of this sketch); Paul; and Irene.

Lon Green received his education in East Jefferson Street Public School. He began his business career in the employ of John Bickel, shoe merchant, and was connected with his store for twelve years. He then spent twelve years with Ketterer Bros., in Butler, and in 1914 established his present business at 251 South Main Street. Mr. Green is well established and has one of the finest shops in the city, dealing in high grade merchandise exclusively.

Mr. Green married Miss Maude Keefer, of Harmony, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Nelson and Adaline Keefer. They have three chil-

dren: Florence, married Edward Howard Le Breton, lives in San Francisco, California; Howard, composer-pianist; and Ruth.

Mr. Green is a Republican and is a trustee of the English Lutheran Church.

John R. Sturman, manager of the travel and foreign department of the Guaranty Trust Company, Butler, was born in Czechoslovakia, October 6, 1892, the son of Rev. John and Julia (Mazuch) Sturman.

Rev. John Sturman was born in Czechoslovakia as was his wife. He came to the United States and for several years was in charge of the First Baptist Church at Newark, New Jersey. He later returned to his native country, where he and his wife now reside.

John R. Sturman was educated in the schools of his native country and came to Cleveland, Ohio, August 13, 1912, where he remained a short time. He then went to Davenport, Iowa, where he studied the science of Chiropractic, and for three years he practiced this profession at Newark, New Jersey. He returned to Cleveland and entered the auditing department of the Cleveland Trust Company. Later he was with the American Rolling Mills Company at Middletown, Ohio, for three years. During the World War, or in 1916, he volunteered for service in the army and was stationed at the Boston Psychopathic Hospital, where he took special training, and on account of the signing of the armistice was released by the U. S. government. In 1917 he became assistant employment manager for the Republic Rubber Company, Youngstown, Ohio. From Youngstown he went to Pittsburgh as private secretary to the president of the Slovak League of America, and later returned to Youngstown, where he was associated with the Dollar Savings & Trust Company. On February 1, 1925, Mr. Sturman came to Butler and accepted his present position.

On September 29, 1925, Mr. Sturman married Miss Irene Ruth Musil, a daughter of Rev. John and Elizabeth Musil, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Sturman is a Republican and belongs to the Y. M. C. A. He is a thirty-second degree Mason. His home is at 15 Mifflin Apartments, Butler.

Edward W. Archer, captain of the South Side Fire Station, is a substantial and widely known citizen of Butler. He was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, June 22, 1883, and is the son of William and Phoebe (Tarr) Archer.

William Archer, deceased, was a native of Rochester, New York. He spent many years at Mt. Jewett, Pennsylvania, and was an oil well driller. He died in 1917. His widow was a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. She died in 1915.

Edward W. Archer attended the public schools of Mt. Jewett and when a young man entered the employ of a furniture factory at that place. Later, he became interested in painting at Butler and in 1909 became a member of the local fire department. He has been captain of the South Side station since May, 1910.

Mr. Archer married Miss Frances Geible, of Summit Township, Butler County, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wieland) Geible. They have six children: Helen, Mary, William, Anna, Joseph and Emma.

Mr. Archer is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Protected Home Circle.

Walter F. Oesterling, who is connected with the business of P. J. Oesterling & Son, is a dependable and well known business man of Butler. He was born in Summit Township, Butler County, and is the son of P. J. and Margaret (Protzman) Oesterling.

P. J. Oesterling was born in Summit Township, Butler County, and in early life engaged in general farming and stock raising. In 1911 he organized the flour and feed business known as P. J. Oesterling & Son, and which is located at 354 East Jefferson Street. His wife is also a native of Butler County. Mr. and Mrs. Oesterling have two children: Walter F., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Catherine Haler, lives at Orlando, Florida.

Walter F. Oesterling received his education in the schools of Summit Township and later attended Butler Business College and the American Business College at Pueblo, Colorado. He then entered the employ of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, Butler, and two years

later went with O. H. Nicholas Company, where he remained for three years. In 1911 he became identified with his father's business.

Mr. Oesterling married Miss Florence May Moser, of Hooker, Pennsylvania, the daughter of George W. and Anna M. Moser. They have two sons, Wilbur R. and Clyde Walter.

Mr. Oesterling is a Republican and a member of the St. Marks Lutheran Church. He lives at 545 Monroe Street.

William McCurdy Scott, M. D. One of the leading physicians of Butler, and a citizen who takes considerable interest in the promotion of the city's welfare, was born at Fillmore, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1862, the son of Thomas J. and Sarah A. (Anderson) Scott.

Thomas J. Scott was born at Burrell Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. He was a general merchant and had stores at Fillmore and Clarksburg, Pennsylvania. He died in 1894. Mrs. Scott, also a native of Indiana County, died in 1915. They were the parents of six children: John A., an attorney, lives at Indiana, Pennsylvania; May, lives at Indiana; William McCurdy, the subject of this sketch; A. W., died in 1887; and Lida O., married Samuel Hughes, lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

William McCurdy Scott attended the public schools of **Clarksburg**, Blairsville Academy, and Indiana State Normal School. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, medical department of Columbia University, from which he received his degree in 1889. He practiced his profession at Pittsburgh for fourteen years, then at Marwood, and for the past six years has been located at Butler.

Doctor Scott was married to Miss Annie Beck, of Marwood, a daughter of Jacob and Henrietta Beck. They have one daughter, Henrietta Scott, who lives at home.

Doctor Scott served as surgeon of the Fourteenth Regiment National Guard of Pennsylvania stationed at Pittsburgh, and was assistant professor of anatomy at West Penn Medical College, now the medical department of the University of Pittsburgh, from 1889-1893. He is a member of the Butler County Medical Society, the

Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the First Presbyterian Church, and politically is a Republican. Since coming to Butler Doctor Scott has specialized in the practice of proctology.

Charles R. Kriner is a reliable and successful business man of Butler, where he is sole owner of the W. J. Orfutt Company, 344-46 Main Street. He was born at Beech Tree, in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1885, and is the son of Adam and Catherine (Sheesley) Kriner.

Adam Kriner, deceased, spent his entire life at Dubois, Pennsylvania. He died in 1887, and his wife, a native of Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, died in 1924.

After attending the public and high schools of New Castle, Pennsylvania, Charles R. Kriner was enrolled in the New Castle Business College. He then entered the employ of the hardware firm of Patterson & Sample at New Castle, and after several years went with the firm of Smith-Hutton-Kirk, with whom he was identified for thirteen years. Later, Mr. Kriner became interested in the dry goods business at New Castle and from there went to Youngstown, Ohio, where he was associated with the McKelvery Company. In August, 1918, in partnership with W. J. Orfutt and DeLace Cole, Mr. Kriner established the present business in Butler and was known as the W. J. Orfutt Company until January 1, 1927, when Mr. Kriner bought the interests in the Butler store from Mr. Orfutt and Mr. Cole. He now operates one of the largest department stores in the city and employs thirty people.

In 1907 Mr. Kriner was married to Miss Frances Grannis of New Castle, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Frank and Viola (Rouse) Grannis. The former is deceased and the latter resides at New Castle. Mr. and Mrs. Kriner have two children, Charles M. and Eleanor.

Mr. Kriner is a Republican, a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Rotary Club. He has a wide acquaintance in the city and is well liked.

S. F. McBride is an enterprising merchant and well known citizen of Butler, where he is associated with the dry goods firm of McBride & Decker. He was born at Cumberland, Maryland, and is the son of S. F. and Mary Virginia (Minke) McBride.

S. F. McBride, deceased, spent his entire life in Cumberland, Maryland, where he was successfully engaged in the grocery business. He died in 1876 and his wife, a native of Bedford, Pennsylvania, died in 1910.

After completing his schooling in Cumberland, Maryland, S. F. McBride came to Butler in 1893 and from that time until 1914 was identified with the business of Troutman. Since 1914 he has been associated in business with Mrs. A. A. Decker and they rank among the leading dry goods merchants of the city. They are also dealers in curtains and draperies and handle high grade merchandise exclusively.

Mr. McBride married Miss Sarah Aggas, of West Sunbury, Pennsylvania, and they have two daughters, Ruth and Jane.

Mr. McBride is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family have a wide acquaintance in the city and are highly esteemed.

Harry S. McBride, agent for the Harmony Short Line Railroad Company, is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Butler. He was born at Petrolia, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1878, and is the son of Patrick and Anna (Dowry) McBride.

Patrick McBride was a native of Butler County and spent practically his entire life on a farm near Coylesville. He died in 1909 and his wife, a native of Mason City, Virginia, died February 17, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. McBride had four children: Kathryn, died in infancy; Harry S., the subject of this sketch; Edith, married John Green, lives at Butler; and Tillie, died in infancy.

Harry S. McBride attended the district schools of Clearfield Township, Butler County, and also was enrolled in the Butler Business College. He spent the first eight years of his business career in the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company and then became inter-

ested in the oil fields of Pennsylvania. In 1910 he established a retail candy business in Butler, which he successfully conducted until 1920, at which time he entered the wholesale candy manufacturing business. Mr. McBride has held his present position with the Harmony Short Line Railroad Company since 1922.

In 1902 Mr. McBride was united in marriage with Miss Stella Kramer, of Butler County, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (McGrady) Kramer, both deceased. To them seven children have been born, as follows: Sheldon and Paul, both deceased; Arthur; Robert; Mildred, deceased; Charles; and Virginia.

Mr. McBride holds membership in St. Paul's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree. He is a Republican.

Howard M. West, owner of West's Bakery, 220 South Main Street, Butler, was born at Prospect, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1880, the son of David and Emma (Barkley) West.

David West was born in Prospect, a son of Michael West, who settled at that place in 1813. He was a farmer and the homestead is now occupied by his son, Clifford West. David West died in 1915. His wife, who was born in Muddy Creek Township, Butler County, died in 1910. They were the parents of four children: Howard M., the subject of this sketch; Curtis, lives in Lancaster Township; George, lives in Butler; Ford, further mention of whom is made below; and Clifford, who lives on the old homestead.

Ford West enlisted for service in the World War and was assigned to the Seventy-seventh Division, A. E. F. He was badly wounded during the war, and since his return has been at the U. S. Government Hospital at Perry Point, Maryland.

Howard M. West was educated in the public schools at Franklin Township and Prospect Academy, Butler County. His first position was with the Prospect Creamery Company, of which his father was owner, and where he remained four years. He was with the Standard Steel Car Company, Butler, for one and one-half years, and with the Forged Steel Wheel Company for fourteen years. In 1921 he established his bakery here. He employs six people and has one of the best bakeries in the city. His plant is located at 415 West Jefferson Street.

In 1894 Mr. West was married to Miss Bertha Albert of Franklin Township, Butler County, a daughter of Lewis and Mary (Youkers) Albert. Mr. Albert was a farmer. He and his wife are both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. West three children were born: Emily, George and Howard. Their home is at 549 Third Street.

Mr. West is a member of the Rotary Club, the Y. M. C. A., Board of Commerce, Butler Auto Club, of which he was president in 1925. Politically he is a Democrat and he and Mrs. West are members of the First English Lutheran Church.

W. J. Snow, of Snow Brothers, is an enterprising and progressive business man of Butler and a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city April 5, 1890, and is the son of James C. and Olive (Smith) Snow.

James C. Snow, deceased, was a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. He spent most of his life at Butler and was a well known building contractor. He died in 1903 and his wife, also a native of Armstrong County, died in 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Snow had the following children: Sidney, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Harry, Anna and Mabel, all deceased; W. J., the subject of this sketch; and T. C., who lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania.

W. J. Snow received his education in the public schools of Butler and has always been interested in the planing mill business. He began his business career at Grove City, Pennsylvania, in 1904, and three years later returned to Butler and was associated with the Purvis Company for several years. He was later with the Peoples Telephone Company for eight years. During the World War Mr. Snow volunteered for service and was sent to Camp Hancock, Georgia, with the One Hundred and Third Field Signal Battalion, Twenty-eighth Division. He served in France with the rank of corporal. After his return to Butler Mr. Snow was again associated with the local telephone company as assistant wire chief until 1922, at which time he engaged in partnership with his brother, Sidney P., as proprietors of Snow Brothers. Their business is located at 344 North Cherry Street.

On February 12, 1920, Mr. Snow was married to Miss Helen Barbara Dittig, of Butler, the daughter of Jacob and Christina (Arm-buster) Dittig, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Germany. They have a son, William Snow.

Mr. Snow is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church and belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Knights of Malta.

Sidney P. Snow, one of Butler's prominent citizens and successful business men, is a native of this city. He was born December 25, 1877, and is the son of James C. and Olive (Smith) Snow.

James C. Snow, deceased, was a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. He spent most of his life at Butler and was a well known building contractor. He died in 1903 and his wife, also a native of Armstrong County, died in 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Snow had the following children: Sidney, the subject of this sketch; Harry, Anna, and Mabel, all deceased; W. J., a sketch of whom appears in this history; and T. C., who lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania.

After completing his schooling at Butler, Sidney Snow was associated in business with his father. He has been identified with fifty-eight different planing mills throughout the country during his extensive business career. Among them are: Cook-Anderson Company, Beaver, Pennsylvania; Union Wholesale Lumber Company, Youngstown, Ohio; Wallace & Carley Company, Sharon, Pennsylvania; Citizens Lumber Company, New Castle, Pennsylvania; King Planing Company, Grove City, Pennsylvania; Purvis Planing Mill, Butler; Haller Brothers Company, Youngstown, Ohio; and W. G. Eckles, New Castle, Pennsylvania. Mr. Snow returned to Butler in 1923 and soon after engaged in business with his brother, W. J. Snow, the firm being known as Snow Brothers. In 1927 Snow Brothers firm was incorporated and is now known as Snow Brothers Company. The planing mill is located in East Butler, Pennsylvania. It is equipped with all modern machinery. The building is 60x140 feet, concrete and steel, fireproof.

On July 6, 1899, Mr. Snow was united in marriage with Miss Edith Roberts, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, the daughter of James and

Eleanor (White) Roberts, both deceased. They have six children: Herbert, James, Cordelia, Olive, Susanna, and William.

Mr. Snow and his family hold membership in the Methodist Church and have a wide acquaintance in Butler and the surrounding community.

Daniel Younkins, an active business man at Butler, ranks high among the representative and widely known citizens of Butler County. He was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1854, and is the son of William and Sarah (Hawk) Younkins.

William Younkins was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1822 and died in 1902. He was always a farmer and spent the greater part of his life in Armstrong County, having removed there in 1854. His wife was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1821 and died in 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Younkins had seven children, as follows: John; Esther Elizabeth; Mary E.; Daniel, the subject of this sketch; James B.; Jane; and George B.

Daniel Younkins received his education in the district schools of Armstrong County and also attended Worthington (Pennsylvania) Academy. In 1876 he became interested in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, operating as firm of Younkins Brothers, and became one of the large producers in this section of the state. He settled in Butler in 1884, where he has been identified with numerous successful enterprises. He is a charter member and vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company; has been connected with the People's Telephone Company for many years as vice president, having also served as president of the company; is chairman of the board of directors of the Evans Manufacturing Company; is a director of the Automatic Gas Steam Radiator Company of Pittsburgh; and is one of the large real estate and land owners in Butler and Armstrong counties.

On September 10, 1884, Mr. Younkins was united in marriage with Miss Eva Minter, of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. She died February 21, 1924, and is buried in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Younkins were born seven children, as follows: Sarah Josephine, at home; Mabel, married W. D. G. Douthett, lives at Butler; William M., mar-

ried Beulah Scott, lives at Butler; Victor D., married Florence Woodmansee, lives at Wilksburg, Pennsylvania; Florence E., married Clyde A. Fowler, lives at Butler; Dellma E., married Allan R. Peters, lives at Butler; and J. Kenneth, married Martha Wallace, lives at Butler.

Mr. Younkins is a Democrat and has served as a member of the city council of Butler for fourteen years and as chairman of the council for two terms. He is vice president and organizer of Butler Fair and Exposition Association, in which he takes great interest. He is also director of the Ferris Supply Company, Butler. He holds membership in the Second United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta, and Woodmen of the World.

A. J. Eury, of Eury Brothers, automobile dealers, ranks high among the representative young business men of Butler, and is a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, March 14, 1895, and is the son of William John and Mary Catherine (Brown) Eury.

William John Eury, one of Butler's leading citizens, was born at Clintonville, Pa. He has spent most of his life in Butler, where he has been extensively engaged in the lumber business for many years. His wife was born at West Sunbury, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Eury were born eight children, as follows: Louis F.; O. G.; Maude E.; A. J., the subject of this sketch; Hazel, deceased; Willis J.; Floyd; and Fred.

A. J. Eury received his education in the public and high schools of Butler. He then entered the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company of Butler, with whom he was identified until his enlistment for service in the World War. He was sent first to Camp Sherman, Ohio, as a member of the Three Hundred and Twenty-third Field Artillery, and was later transferred to the air service and sent overseas. He served in France with the First Army Corps, Sixteenth Regular Engineers, with the rank of corporal. After the close of the war Mr. Eury became interested in the automobile business with his brother, O. G. Eury, and they now are numbered among the leading automobile

dealers of Butler, where they have the agency for the Oakland and Pontiac cars. They also conduct a high grade repair shop and deal in automobile accessories. This up-to-date garage is located at Locust and Second streets.

On May 24, 1917, Mr. Eury was united in marriage with Miss Doris Witherup, of Butler, the daughter of Floyd F. and Patience (Lovell) Witherup. They have a son, Jason.

Mr. Eury holds membership in the Second United Presbyterian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican.

C. Lester Sutton is a popular young business man and well known citizen of Butler. He was born at Sturgeon, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1893, and is the son of James L. and Elida May (Johnson) Sutton.

James L. Sutton, a reliable merchant of Butler, is a native of Pennsylvania. He has lived at Butler for many years and conducts a confectionery business at 725 Locust Street. His wife is a native of Butler County. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, as follows: Leila; G. Albert; C. Lester, the subject of this sketch; May, deceased; Fred, deceased; Ruth; Margaret; Meade; Mary; and Edward.

C. Lester Sutton attended the public and high schools of Chicora, where he spent the early years of his life. He then learned the machinist's trade and from 1911 until 1915 was employed by the Pittsburgh-Hickson Company of Butler. Later, he went with the Forged Steel Wheel Company of Butler. He then became interested in the candy business and for some time was a salesman for the Butler Candy Company and the Daly Brothers Candy Company. Mr. Sutton has engaged in business for himself in Butler as proprietor of The Inn since 1924. It is one of the city's popular candy shops and is located at 302 East Clay Street.

Mr. Sutton was married June 2, 1925, to Miss Lois McCamey of Butler, the daughter of A. D. and Emma (Johnson) McCamey.

In politics Mr. Sutton is independent. He is a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Adolph L. Oesterling is widely and favorably known in Butler, having been in the employ of the local post office since 1896. He was born on a farm in Summit Township, Butler County, June 9, 1876, and is the son of Adam and Elizabeth (Forcht) Oesterling.

Adam Oesterling, deceased, was a native of Summit Township, Butler County, and spent his entire life on the same farm. He died December 27, 1912, and his wife, also born in Summit Township, died in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Oesterling had twelve children, as follows: John; Margaret; George; Edward L.; Albert H.; Emma; Rebecca; Augusta; Adolph L., the subject of this sketch; Paul and Theodore, twins; and Lillian.

Adolph L. Oesterling received his education in the district schools of Summit Township and also attended Butler High School and Butler Business College. He then entered the employ of the Butler post office in 1896, where he has remained continuously, and since 1912 he has been special clerk in the money order department.

On October 22, 1892, Mr. Oesterling was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth May Mattle, of New Castle, Pa., the daughter of George and Sophia (Kahrer) Mattle, both deceased. They have a daughter, Edna Marie.

Mr. Oesterling is a Republican, a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Lions Club. He has various business interests in the city and is connected with the Fowler Lumber Company and Butler Chain Company.

Reuben B. Waldron, a retail jeweler, is among the progressive business men of Butler, and a veteran of the World War. He was born in Butler Township, Butler County, April 5, 1896, and is the son of Dr. Orlando K. and Barbara (Fredley) Waldron.

Dr. Orlando K. Waldron, who died in 1917, was a well known dentist of Butler. He was a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and his widow was born in Butler County. She now resides at Butler. Doctor and Mrs. Waldron had twelve children, as follows: John K., Buelah, Irene, Grace, Mabel, Hattie, Margaret, William S., Reuben B., George Clayton, and Clifford.

Reuben B. Waldron was educated in the public schools of Butler and began his business career with the Lyndora National Bank, with which he was connected for seven years. He then volunteered for service during the World War and was sent to Camp Humphries, Virginia, and later to Camp Forrest, Georgia, where he was attached to the Twentieth Regiment, Engineers. After the close of the war, Mr. Waldron went to Canton, Ohio, where he was employed by the Timken Roller Bearing Company as an inspector. In 1920 he became interested in the jewelry business in Butler in partnership with H. E. McClain, and continued until 1924, when Mr. Waldron bought Mr. McClain's interests. This well known shop is located in the Butler Savings Bank building.

Mr. Waldron married Miss Eleanor Davis, of Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Elmer and Lillian (Anderson) Davis. They have two daughters, Helen Louise and Lillian Jean.

Mr. Waldron is a member of the First English Lutheran Church, and belongs to all branches of the Masonic Lodge. He also is affiliated with the Elks Lodge and American Legion. In politics Mr. Waldron has always been a Republican.

C. O. Emery, one of Butler's enterprising young business men, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in Washington Township, Butler County, November 17, 1892, and is the son of David P. and Sadie E. (Steele) Emery.

David P. Emery spent his entire life in Washington Township, Butler County, and was a fur trader and dealer. He died December 2, 1925, and his widow now resides in Butler with her son, C. O. Emery. Mr. and Mrs. Emery were the parents of eight children, as follows: Floyd, Innis, Jessie, C. O., Alice, Elmer, Kate, and Florence.

C. O. Emery received his education in the public and high schools of Butler and began his business career at Williamsport. Since 1906 he has conducted his present business at 317 West North Street and he is one of the city's few taxidermists.

During the World War Mr. Emery enlisted in December, 1917, and served in England and later in France as a second lieutenant with

the 100th Air Squadron. He was discharged from service June 9, 1919. While going across to France, February 6, 1918, his ship, "The Tuscania," was torpedoed and sank, 236 lives being lost.

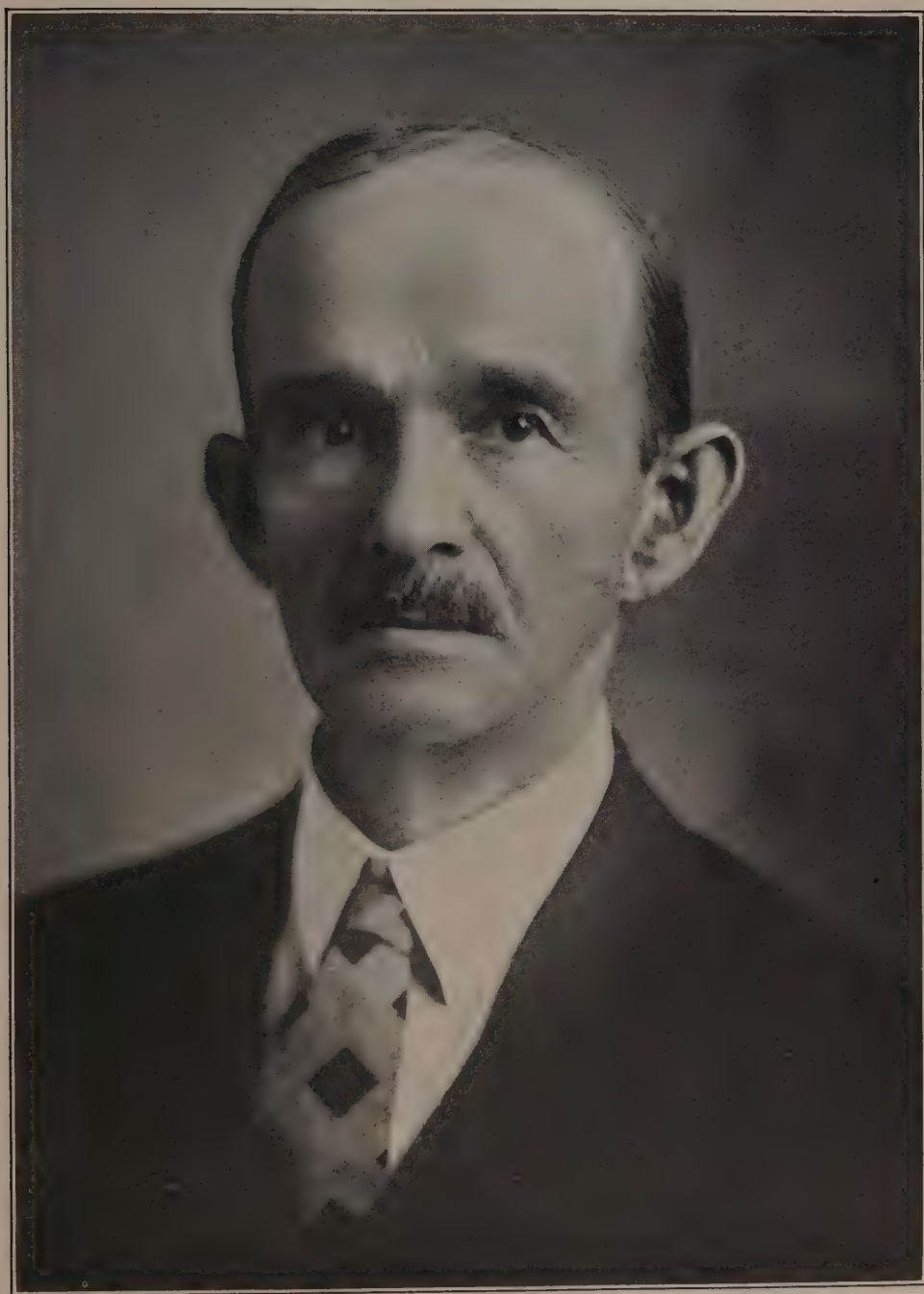
Mr. Emery was married December 4, 1923, to Miss Marjorie Barger, of Jackson, Mich., and they have two sons: C. O., Jr., and Robert Dale.

Mr. Emery is a Republican, a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has a wide acquaintance in the community and is well liked by all who know him.

Charles J. D. Strohecker has been identified with the growth of Butler County and particularly with the development of Zelienople for many years. He was born in Franklin Township, Beaver County, February 23, 1856, the son of Matthias and Margaret (Naggle) Strohecker.

Matthias Strohecker was a native of Germany. Both the Strohecker and Naggle families came to this country about 1820 and settled in Franklin Township, Beaver County. Matthias Strohecker followed farming and stock raising in this district during his entire life. He had the following children: Margaret, widow of Adam Kircher, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; George, deceased, lived at New Castle, Pennsylvania; Matthias, deceased, lived at Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; Frederick, lived at New Castle; Henry, lives at Enon Valley, Ohio; Catherine, deceased; Mary, the widow of John Koch, lives in Franklin Township; Charles J. D., the subject of this sketch; Gottlieb, lives at Portland, Oregon; Andrew S., lives in Kansas; Adam, lives at Garfield, Washington; Sophia, Phillip, and Jacob, all died in infancy.

Charles J. D. Strohecker attended the old Furnace school in Franklin Township, and at an early age learned the harness making trade. He then embarked in business at Zelienople, where he continued until 1898. He was the first to introduce machinery in harness making and was a leader in that particular line of work. In 1898 he sold his harness interests in order to give his entire time to the oil busi-



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ness and in 1902 he was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Zelienople, of which he served as director. In 1903 he sold his interest in the First National Bank and in 1904 he organized the Peoples National Bank and served as its president until 1915. He still is extensively interested in oil production, however, and holds some of the largest leases in this district.

On November 9, 1879, Mr. Strohecker was married to Miss Amelia Remler, the daughter of Margaret Remler. To them were born three children: Clifford, who died in 1919 at the age of 32 years; Margaret, and Alice, both at home.

Mr. Strohecker has always been a Democrat and is one of the representative and excellent citizens of the county. He was the prime mover in having the main streets and sidewalks paved and improved.

John E. Eisley, vice president of the Butler Chain Company, is a reliable business man and substantial citizen of Butler. He was born in Pittsburgh, April 6, 1878, and is the son of John A. and Martha (Kelly) Eisley.

John A. Eisley, who lives retired at Evanston, Illinois, is a native of Cambria County, Pennsylvania. He was born at Johnstown and spent a number of years in Pittsburgh, where he engaged in business. Mr. Eisley was connected with the Western Penitentiary at North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., for forty-four years. His wife was born in Pittsburgh and died in 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Eisley had six children: John E., the subject of this sketch; Joseph, lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Thomas, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Bessie, lives at Evanston, Illinois; Clara, lives at Evanston, Illinois, and Paul, lives in Pittsburgh.

John E. Eisley secured his education in the public and high schools of Pittsburgh and about seventeen years ago settled in Butler, where he was employed for a number of years by the Standard Steel Car Company. Since 1920 he has been connected with the Butler Chain Company, one of the city's leading industrial concerns.

Mr. Eisley married Miss Emma Birch, of Butler, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Frier) Birch, of Butler. They have no children.

Mr. Eisley is a Republican, a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

Dr. Weston William Lasher. One of the leading physicians and surgeons of Butler County is Doctor Lasher, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Saxonburg for the past thirty-four years. He was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1871, and is the son of Johnston and Catherine (Hall) Lasher.

Johnston Lasher, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania. In early life he lived in Armstrong County, but later in Allegheny County, where he was a widely known farmer. He died in 1906 and his wife, a native of Butler County, died March 16, 1926. To Mr. and Mrs. Lasher five children were born, as follows: Dr. Weston William, the subject of this sketch; Annie, married Charles Bennett, lives in Pittsburgh; Clara, married P. J. Ward, lives in Pittsburgh; Etta, deceased; and Lawrence, lives in Pittsburgh.

Doctor Lasher was educated in the public schools of Tarentum, also the academy there. He then took a preparatory course in medicine at Baltimore Medical College, Baltimore, Maryland. In 1893 he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at Western University of Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh. He immediately engaged in practice at Saxonburg, where he is widely known as a capable physician and surgeon.

In 1891 Doctor Lasher was married to Miss Sarah Eva Fyock, of Pittsburgh, and to them were born two sons and one daughter: Ralph, married Edith Fowler, lives at Pittsburgh; Ralph, further mention of whom is made below; Weston, mention of whom is also made below; and Willard, married A. R. Gibson, lives at Pittsburgh. She is a graduate of Saxonburg and Butler High Schools and Pitt College.

Doctor Lasher is identified with the Butler County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is affiliated with all branches of the Masonic Lodge, and also belongs to the Elks Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and

Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics Doctor Lasher has always been a Republican.

Weston Lasher was born at Saxonburg, December 4, 1894. He received his education in the public schools here, and the Kiskiminetas Academy, and has always been interested in business here. He was married in 1914 to Miss Gladys Mosthaf, of Freeport, Pa., and they have five children: Eva, Edith, Jean, Vivian, Weston W., Jr., and Rebecca, deceased. Weston Lasher is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Ralph Lasher was born August 12, 1892. He received his education in Saxonburg and Grove City College. He enlisted during the World War in the Aviation Corps and was stationed at Kelley Field. He is now clerk for The Acceptance Trust Company, Pittsburgh. He was married June 18, 1914.

John E. Muder, postmaster, is a leading citizen of Saxonburg and a member of one of Butler County's well known and honored pioneer families. He was born at Saxonburg, March 20, 1867, and is the son of J. E. and Amelia (Stuebgen) Muder.

J. E. Muder, deceased, was a native of Germany. When he was twelve years of age he emigrated to this country and settled in Butler County with his parents, locating at the present site of Saxonburg. He became one of the best known merchants of this section and was a pioneer undertaker of Butler County. He died March 20, 1905, and his wife, a native of Philadelphia, died in February, 1893. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Muder: Theodore, deceased; Josephine, deceased, was the wife of Henry Burtner; Matilda, widow of V. B. Smith, resides in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania; Robert, deceased; Mary, deceased; Henry A., deceased; Philip, deceased; George, is a composer of music, lives in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and John E., subject of this sketch.

John E. Muder has always lived at Saxonburg. After completing his schooling he engaged in the undertaking business with his father and he still conducts the business, being one of the most reliable morticians in the county. Mr. Muder has served as postmaster of

Saxonburg during the McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft and Coolidge administrations, and he has also served as school director for thirty years.

Mr. Muder married Miss Lynora Smith, of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and they had five children: Rev. Milton E., a graduate of Harvard University, lives at Westwood, Massachusetts; Pearl, married William Lassinger; Grace, deceased; Mildred, deceased; and J. Gerald, principal of the Koppel schools in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Muder has been Republican county committeeman of Butler County for twenty-five years and has also served as boro tax collector and as member of the town council. He and his family hold membership in the Evangelical Protestant Church and are highly esteemed citizens of the community.

John R. Helmbold, of Saxonburg, is a member of a family that has been prominently identified with the early history of Butler County. He was born at Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, and is the son of Theodore and Mary E. (Graham) Helmbold.

Theodore Helmbold was born at Saxonburg and was the son of John G. and Frederika (Speack) Helmbold, who settled in Jefferson Township, Butler County, in 1834, having come here from Germany. John G. Helmbold bought 800 acres of land when he settled in Jefferson Township.

Theodore Helmbold spent his entire life in Butler County and was a prosperous merchant. He died November 21, 1891, and his wife died January 8, 1907. Both are buried in Saxonburg Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Helmbold had ten children, as follows: John R., the subject of this sketch; Etta L.; Charles R.; Louis A.; Edmund, deceased; Arelia Louisa; Maria Antonetta; Elmer G.; Clarence E.; and James A. Mr. Helmbold was a Republican and served as burgess of Saxonburg and also as school director for many years.

With the exception of four years, during which he was gaining mercantile experience in a store at Evans City, John R. Helmbold has spent his life in Butler County. He assisted his father in his

youth in his store, the latter conducting a large mercantile business here through many years. He served as postmaster of Saxonburg for a number of years and also as a member of the local school board.

Mr. Helmbold is a Republican and holds membership in the Memorial Church, Evangelical Protestant denomination. He is unmarried.

Herbert Gilkey, mortician, is a representative citizen and dependable business man of Saxonburg. He was born at Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, June 22, 1895, and is the son of Edward and Ida (Steck) Gilkey.

Edward Gilkey, deceased, was a native of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He spent most of his life at New Kensington, where he was employed in the lead works. His wife was also born in Allegheny County. Mr. and Mrs. Gilkey had two sons: Herbert, the subject of this sketch; and Chester, lives in Pittsburgh.

Herbert Gilkey received his education in the public schools of Sharpsburg and at an early age entered the employ of John Campbell at Sharpsburg, who conducted a funeral establishment at that place. Later, he went to Pittsburgh, where he remained until 1918. He has conducted his modern funeral home at Saxonburg since 1925 and is already widely known in the community.

Mr. Gilkey married Miss Anna Murphy, the daughter of James and Rosanna Murphy, of Pittsburgh. They have a daughter, Marian.

Mr. Gilkey is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Elks Lodge.

A. Frederick Wiegand, who has successfully engaged in the contracting business in Butler for more than twenty years, is a substantial citizen of Butler County. He was born in this city, May 7, 1876, and is the son of Edward and Margaret (Kolp) Wiegand.

Edward Wiegand, deceased, was a native of Germany. He came to the United States when he was twenty-one years of age and located in Butler, where he engaged in business continuously until the time

of his death, which occurred in 1917. His wife, was also born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Wiegand had two sons: Frank, who lives in Butler; and A. Frederick, the subject of this sketch.

A. Frederick Wiegand received his education in the public schools of Butler and at an early age became interested in business with his father, a contractor and builder of homes. Mr. Wiegand is one of the city's best known builders and has erected many of the city's fine homes.

Mr. Wiegand married Miss Julia Elizabeth Storey, a native of Butler County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Townsend R. and Elizabeth O. (Storey) Storey, natives of Butler County, Pennsylvania, and now reside in Butler, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Wiegand have no children.

In politics Mr. Wiegand is independent. He holds membership in the English Lutheran Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge.

Dr. John W. Kennihan. Ranking high among the prominent physicians and surgeons of Butler County is Doctor Kennihan, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Saxonburg. He was born at Bakerstown, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1876, and is the son of Patrick and Nancy (Brickell) Kennihan.

Patrick Kennihan, deceased, was a native of Butler County. He spent practically his entire life on a farm near Bakerstown and specialized in the breeding of fine stock. He died in 1895 and his widow lives at Bakerstown, where she was born. Mr. and Mrs. Kennihan had three children: Levina, married Dr. N. R. Graham, a physician, lives at Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania.; William, lives at Bakerstown; and Dr. John W., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. John W. Kennihan received his early education in the public schools of Bakerstown and studied medicine at West Pennsylvania Medical College, now the University of Pittsburgh. After his graduation in 1900 he spent two years at St. John's Hospital at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and then served for thirteen years as field surgeon for the Pittsburgh Coal Company. Doctor Kennihan then engaged in private practice at Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, and was later connected

with the Draft Board of the United States Government. Before locating at Saxonburg in 1926 Doctor Kennihan had engaged in private practice at West Winfield, Pennsylvania.

Doctor Kennihan is a Republican and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He is unmarried.

Dr. Laurie A. Hockenberry, a successful and well known young dentist of Slippery Rock, is a native of Butler County. He was born in Cherry Township, January 9, 1900, and is the son of Charles E. and Dora (Gruver) Hockenberry.

Charles E. Hockenberry is a prosperous farmer of Cherry Township, where he has spent his entire life. His wife, also a native of this section, died in 1916. They had the following children: George; Mary; Laurie A., the subject of this sketch; Ralph; Horace; Charles; Paul; and Rachael.

After completing his early schooling at West Sunbury, Laurie A. Hockenberry took up the study of dentistry at the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received his degree in 1925. He immediately located at Slippery Rock, where he has already well established himself in practice.

Doctor Hockenberry is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Delta Sigma Delta fraternity. He is unmarried.

Harry L. Kelley. Ranking high among the leading citizens of Slippery Rock is Harry L. Kelley, postmaster. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born at New Castle, September 20, 1875, the son of Thomas C. and Elizabeth (Locke) Kelley.

Thomas C. Kelley, deceased, was a well known resident of Butler County. He was born on a farm in Worth Township, and spent practically his entire life in this county, where he was employed as a carpenter. He died in November, 1916. His wife was a member of one of Butler County's oldest families, members of the Locke family hav-

ing settled here in 1790. Mrs. Kelley died in 1923 and with her husband is buried in Slippery Rock Cemetery. They had the following children: John C.; Louisa; Clark M.; Sadie, deceased; Clarence V.; Edwin; Frank; Minnie M.; Eugene, died in infancy; and Harry L., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his schooling in the public schools, Harry L. Kelley attended Slippery Rock Normal School. For several years he was connected with the Butler post office under Postmasters Black, Robinson and Mates, and in 1911 left his employment and went to Chicago, as a representative of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He returned to Slippery Rock in 1915 and was interested in civil engineering work with S. J. Taylor for three years, when he went to Detroit, Michigan, with the Ford Motor Company in the same capacity. Mr. Kelley has been connected with the local post office as postmaster since October, 1923.

In November, 1919, Mr. Kelley was united in marriage with Miss Della Cassidy, of Lordstown, Ohio, the daughter of John N. and Margaret (Allen) Cassidy.

Mr. Kelley has always been a Republican. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, Knights of Pythias, Slippery Rock, A. F. & A. M., Chicago, and Consistory, New Castle. He has a host of friends and acquaintances in the community where he has spent so many years.

James F. Gardner is well and favorably known in Slippery Rock, where he is identified with the furniture business of Uber & Sons. He was born in Worth Township, Butler County, March 20, 1871, and is the son of Nick and Margaret (Echoltz) Gardner.

Nick Gardner, deceased, was a leading merchant of Worth Township for many years, having engaged in the produce business. He also conducted a general store. His wife was born at Zelienople, Pennsylvania, and is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner had the following children: John; William F.; George F.; Emma; Louis; N. L.; James F., the subject of this sketch; Nora; Harry; and Ida.

James F. Gardner attended the schools of Worth Township and Slippery Rock State Normal School, also Edinboro State Normal.

After several years spent in his father's business he went to Chicago in 1890 but the following year returned to Slippery Rock and immediately became associated with Uber & Sons. This concern is the leading furniture house in this section of the state and Uber & Sons are also widely known morticians. It was founded by William Harrison Uber.

Mr. Gardner married Miss May L. Uber, the daughter of William Harrison and Mary Jane (Williams) Uber. They have three children: Mabel, married Dr. R. E. Gaston, lives at New Kensington, Pennsylvania; Ruth, married Dr. A. F. Judd, lives at Ruskin Apartments, Pittsburgh; and Ward.

Mr. Gardner is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

F. M. Holiday, who has been in the employ of the Standard Oil Company for forty-six years, is a substantially and highly esteemed citizen of Saxonburg and Butler County. He was born at Holidays Run, near Oil City, Pennsylvania., June 7, 1864, and is the son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Platner) Holiday.

Josiah Holiday was a farmer and spent most of his life at Holidaysburg, Pennsylvania. He died in 1899 and his wife died April 6, 1902.

F. M. Holiday received his education in the schools of Oil City and during his entire business career has been connected with the Standard Oil Company, being the company's representative in Butler County.

Mr. Holiday married Miss Sarah B. Kinser, of Butler County, and to them were born five children, as follows: Clarence Francis, lives at Dayton, Ohio; Clara Belle; Mary, deceased; Ora May, married Walter McCandless, lives at Detroit, Michigan; and Joy G., lives at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Holiday is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Elks and Eagles. He has a wide acquaintance and many friends in the community where he has spent so many years.

Dr. Robert A. Hummel, chiropractor, is a representative citizen of Slippery Rock. He was born at Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1900, and is the son of Amos A. and Rose (Rahrle) Hummel.

Amos A. Hummel was born at Chesterville, Ontario, Canada. He has lived at Syracuse, New York, for many years, but at present is a resident of Grove City, Pennsylvania. His wife is a native of Syracuse.

Robert A. Hummel attended the public schools of Coraopolis and Franklin, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Grove City High School. He began his business career in the accounting department of the American Bridge Company at Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and after several years entered the Universal Chiropractic College at Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1925. In 1926 Doctor Hummel located at Slippery Rock and took over the practice of Dr. W. S. Schrubbs, who is president of the Akron (Ohio) College of Chiropractic.

Doctor Hummel married Miss Elizabeth F. Maybury on March 1, 1926, the daughter of William J. Maybury, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Doctor Hummel is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is a progressive young man in his profession, and well liked in the community.

Emil C. Schroth, of Saxonburg, is a progressive business man and a member of one of Butler County's oldest families. He was born at Saxonburg, January 17, 1874, and is the son of William and Katherine (White) Schroth.

William Schroth, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was thirteen years of age when his parents brought him to this country and settled at Saxonburg in 1848. He spent the remainder of his life at this place and was a well known harnessmaker. He died in November, 1914, and his widow, a native of Kentucky, died January 11, 1926, at the age of eighty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Schroth had the following children: Fred; William, Jr.; Amelia; Louis; Elizabeth; Edward; Emil C., the subject of this sketch; Charles; Emma; Frank; and Matilda.

Emil C. Schroth spent his boyhood at Saxonburg and attended the schools here. He then went to Pittsburgh, where he was employed for several years by the Gazette-Times Printing Company. Since January 1, 1891, Mr. Schroth has operated a popular barber shop at Saxonburg, where he also resides.

Mr. Schroth married Miss Mertie Abell, of Chicora, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Pratt and Clara (Mallory) Abell. They have two children: Audrey C., married Margaret Neville, lives at Swissvale, Pennsylvania, he served in the Eleventh Marines during the World War. He is now credit manager for the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company; and Gladys, married Walter L. Gilson, lives at Saxonburg.

Mr. Schroth is a Democrat and has served for many years as tax collector and as a member of the school board of Saxonburg Boro and is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 496. He and his wife hold membership in the English Lutheran Church.

Mr. Schroth has two grand children, Virginia Johnson and Arline Schroth. Mrs. Mertie Schroth died November 18, 1926, aged fifty-three years. She was born June 6, 1874.

W. J. Maybury, who is successfully engaged in the drug business at Slippery Rock, is a leading citizen of Butler County. He was born at Slippery Rock, May 26, 1874, and is the son of Jonathan and Frances (Crane) Maybury.

Jonathan Maybury, deceased, was a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and spent most of his life at Slippery Rock, where he engaged in the contracting business. He died in 1903, and his wife, a native of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, died in 1918. Both are buried at Slippery Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Maybury had four children: E. M., lives at Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Mary E., lives at Slippery Rock; C. H., lives at Slippery Rock; and W. J., the subject of this sketch.

W. J. Maybury spent his boyhood at Slippery Rock and received his early education in the public schools here. In 1895 he was graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Pharmacy and for several years clerked in local drug stores. In 1907 he established his present busi-

ness and now owns the finest drug shop in the city, making a specialty of high-grade prescription work.

Mr. Maybury was married to Miss Mary Shirey, of Youngstown, Ohio, the daughter of John and Sinia (Byerly) Shirey, both deceased. They have two daughters: Elizabeth, married Dr. R. A. Hummel, lives at Slippery Rock; and Eleanor, at home.

Mr. Maybury is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

Dr. William R. Hockenberry, who has practiced his profession at Slippery Rock for thirty years with honor and exceptional ability, is a native of Butler County. He was born on a farm in Cherry Township, near West Sunbury, January 30, 1867, and is the son of William A. and Frances Emeline (Cowan) Hockenberry.

William A. Hockenberry was born near Keister Station, in Butler County, in 1829. His parents were natives of Juniata County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hockenberry was a farmer and was widely known in Butler County as an extensive stockman. He died in 1883, and his wife, the daughter of Mathias and Margaret Cowan, died in 1919, at the age of seventy-six years. Her parents were among the first settlers of Butler County. To William A. and Frances Emeline (Cowan) Hockenberry were born four children: Dr. William R., the subject of this sketch; D. L., who died in 1898; J. M., a farmer, lives in Cherry Township, Butler County; and B. M., a teacher, lives in Cherry Township.

William R. Hockenberry grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He was graduated from West Sunbury Academy in 1892 and for several years taught school in Cherry Township. In 1897 he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and immediately engaged in practice at Slippery Rock. He has taken several courses in post-graduate work and is a progressive and capable man in his profession.

On November 23, 1892, Doctor Hockenberry was united in marriage with Miss Cora Hindman, the daughter of J. L. and Elizabeth

(Douglas) Hindman. Mr. Hindman, deceased, was well known for many years as county auditor of Butler County. His widow lives at Slippery Rock and is eighty-seven years of age. Doctor and Mrs. Hockenberry have four children: William Roy, a graduate of Slippery Rock State Normal School, is a professor in the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Scott H., a dentist, lives at Philadelphia; Frances Elizabeth, a graduate of Slippery Rock State Normal School, is a teacher in the schools of Rochester, Pennsylvania; and Cecil Rex, a graduate of Slippery Rock State Normal School, is a teacher in the schools of Elwood City, Pennsylvania.

Doctor Hockenberry is a Republican and served as a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature in 1903-4-5-6. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Doctor Hockenberry is identified with the American Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and was president of the Butler County Medical Society at two different times. He has served as a member of the local school board for twenty-five years and is a member of the Slippery Rock State Normal Board, which office he has held for several years. He has always taken a prominent part in all civic affairs.

C. O. Uber, of Uber & Sons, is a leading business man and representative citizen of Slippery Rock. He was born at this place, June 25, 1877, and is the son of William Henry Harrison and Mary Jane (Faust) Uber.

William Henry Harrison Uber was a widely known citizen of Butler County and the son of Peter Uber, who founded the first furniture and undertaking business in this section of the state, and which is now conducted as Uber & Sons. For a number of years Mr. Uber was associated with Joseph Bestler, the firm then being known as Uber & Bestler. William Henry H. is deceased. Mary Jane (Faust) Uber now resides in Slippery Rock.

After completing his schooling in the local schools, C. O. Uber attended Slippery Rock State Normal School. He has always been interested in the business which was conducted by his grandfather and father and is now associated with J. F. Gardner, of Slippery Rock.

On October 22, 1901, Mr. Uber was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth May North, of Slippery Rock, the daughter of Samuel H. and Margaret (Moore) North. The latter died September 27, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Uber have two children: Catherine, married Willard Butler, lives at New Kensington, Pennsylvania; and Elton North, lives at home.

Mr. Uber is a Democrat and has served as burgess of Slippery Rock and also as a member of the local school board for many years. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Lewis C. Patterson is a representative young business man of Slippery Rock and a veteran of the World War. He was born here, November 15, 1897, and is the son of James and Ellen M. (Wilson) Patterson.

James Patterson, deceased, was a native of Butler County. He spent his entire life on a farm near Slippery Rock and died in 1903. His widow, who lives here, is a native of Oil City, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Patterson three sons were born: Lewis C., the subject of this sketch; Norman D., lives at Grove City, Pennsylvania; and James R., lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Lewis C. Patterson spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the public and high schools of Slippery Rock. He enlisted in the army in April, 1917, and was sent to Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where he served as a member of the Fifth U. S. Regular Army Cavalry. He was later transferred to El Paso, Texas, and in October, 1917, joined the Second Division, Ammunition Train, and was sent to France, April 24, 1918. He served at the front until December 1, 1918, participating in many important engagements of the war, including Chateau Thierry, Sosino, St. Mihiel, Champaign front and Argonne Forest. After his discharge from the army, Mr. Patterson entered the Bradley Polytechnic School at Peoria, Illinois, where he learned watch making. After several years in business at Pittsburgh and Grove City, Mr. Patterson established his present business at Slippery Rock in January, 1926.

On November 28, 1922, Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Hazel A. Moore, of Slippery Rock, the daughter of J. W. and Calista (Kelly) Moore. They have two children: Ruth Elaine and James Lewis.

Mr. Patterson is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the American Legion.

H. M. Thorpe is a reliable business man and substantial citizen of Slippery Rock, where he is associated in the general merchandise business with Ray P. Wilson. Mr. Thorpe was born in Plain Grove Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, June 26, 1872, and is the son of James T. and Josephine (Campbell) Thorpe.

James T. Thorpe was born in Iowa. He was a small boy when his parents came to Pennsylvania and settled on a farm in Mercer County, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. Thorpe was a prominent citizen of that section and died in 1904, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife was a native of Mercer County and is also deceased.

After completing his early schooling, H. M. Thorpe entered Slippery Rock State Normal School. He began his business career with Orfutt & Company at New Castle, Pennsylvania, and was associated with them for nine years. He then went to Pittsburgh and for almost four years was connected with the Koch Furniture Company. In 1911 Mr. Thorpe went to Grove City, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1920. He then operated a general mercantile business at North Liberty, Pennsylvania, until February, 1926, when he became associated with Mr. Wilson as manager of the "Corner Store" at Slippery Rock. They handle a complete line of merchandise and are already well established.

Mr. Thorpe married Miss Ida May Uber, the daughter of William G. and Nancy P. (McCann) Uber, of Slippery Rock. They have three children: Ethel, married Ray Wilson, lives at Slippery Rock, a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Edna Mabel and Robert, both at home.

Mr. Thorpe is a Republican and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Booster Club.

The Wilsons of Jackson Township. Thomas Wilson, a native of Tyrone, County Down, Ireland, with his wife (Nancy Robison) and all of his family except his son Barney, landed in Philadelphia in 1793, and shortly thereafter started for western Pennsylvania. His wife and son, George, died of fever while crossing the mountains. The family originally settled in Allegheny County, and Thomas Wilson with his daughter Nancy, who died unmarried, and his daughter Ellen, who afterwards married William Martin, and his three sons, Andrew, James and Thomas, settled on a tract of about one thousand acres of land lying between Evans City and Zelienople. Thomas Wilson died at his residence, now known as the Henry Greenawalt farm, in 1814.

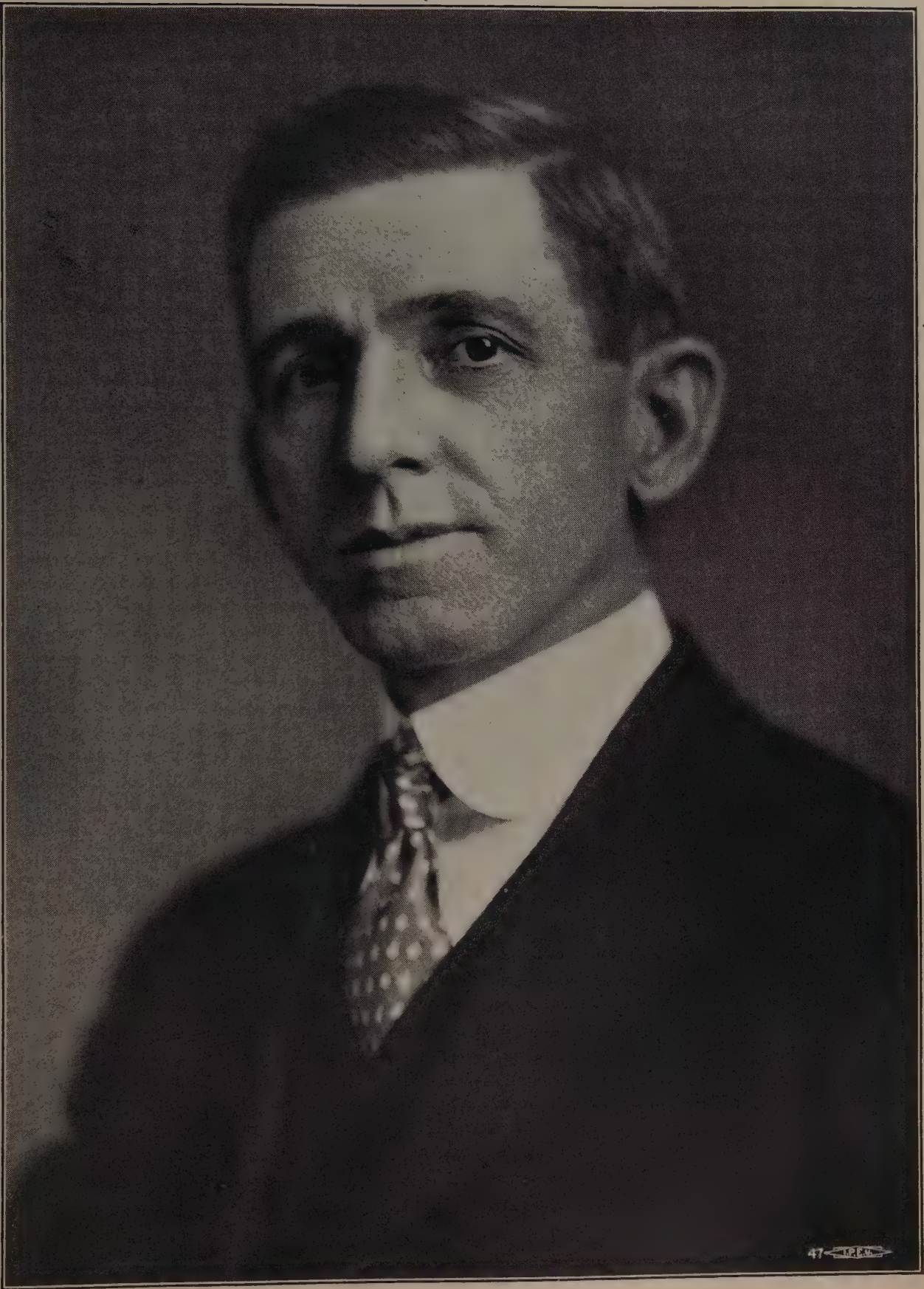
His youngest son, Thomas, who was four years of age when the family left Ireland, married Elizabeth White and had no family.

His second son, James, married Mary Cooper. Children: three sons, James, Joseph and George, who died before his father, leaving one son, Thomas; three daughters, Ann, Marie and Mary, who married William Lindsay and had two sons, James Madison and Thomas Lindsay. James, the eldest son, married Katherine Minnemyer, and had three daughters, Nancy E., wife of D. M. Douthett, who resides in Lincoln, Nebraska; Mary Amelia, wife of Clarence L. Dindinger, who resides in Omaha, Nebraska; and Maria Jane, now deceased, who married Fred E. Miller.

Andrew Wilson, oldest son of Thomas Wilson, was born June 24, 1766, and died May 4, 1847, married in Ireland May 1, 1790, Mary Henderson, who was born August 12, 1769, and died December 27, 1837. Children: Elizabeth, who was born December 18, 1794, and died August 8, 1833, married William Martin April 8, 1819, to whom were born four children: William Martin, who lived and died in Lancaster Township; John Martin, who died in Kansas; Eliza, who married John Bracken; Mary, who married William Coates, to whom were born Frank and J. Addison Coates, of Connoquenessing Township.

Nancy, who was born February 24, 1802, married James Garvin.

Rebecca, born April 14, 1805, and died April 19, 1844, married George Cooper. Ellen, born January 29, 1807, died unmarried. John, born July 15, 1809, and died November 29, 1883, married June 20, 1848, to Margaret Hauk. Children:



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Andrew H., who resides in Perrysville, Ohio; Jonathan, now deceased, who married Susan Stamm; John Milton Wilson, now deceased, married Margaret Maharg and had no children; Mary E., who married Lee Scott, had no children; Sarah E., who married Samuel Brenne-man; Jennie T., wife of George W. Nixon, of Jackson Township.

George Wilson, oldest son of Andrew Wilson, was born at a place known as "The Neck," Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1796, and died September 4, 1863, at his home, the Brick Residence, in Jackson Township, now occupied by George N. Wilson. June 20, 1882, he married Rebecca, who was born April 5, 1802, and died February 17, 1860, daughter of James Wilson and wife, nee Margaret Baxter, who resided near Plum Creek, Allegheny County, and they had the following children: James G. Wilson, born August 2, 1823, and died August 1, 1868, unmarried; Andrew Henderson Wilson; Mary Jane Wilson, born August 29, 1829, and died April 26, 1896, unmarried; Esther M., born January 3, 1832, and died January 2, 1906, married Robert H. Brown and left no children; Elizabeth E., born June 26, 1835, and died July 24, 1890, unmarried; Thomas Irvine Wilson, born March 14, 1837, and died November 27, 1881, married Mary Minne-meyer, who died in August, 1926. Children:

Eva M., who died unmarried; Ida E., wife of John Barkey; Luella C., wife of John E. Helm; Jennie G., who married William Hudson, and is now deceased; Gertrude A., wife of Frank H. Boggs; Homer O., who married Clara Hoffman and resides at New Brighton; George N., unmarried, who resides in the old homestead.

Thomas I. Wilson was elected county commissioner in November, 1881, and died before taking office.

George W. Wilson, youngest son of George Wilson, was born February 5, 1840, and died in 1908. November 26, 1864, he married Harriet Donaldson. Children: Dora I., wife of U. G. Evans; Alvin Lusk Wilson, who married Maude Hudson, is now deceased; Thomas Austin Wilson, married Laura Runyon of Rochester, Pennsylvania, and resides at Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; Alberta L., wife of Dr. N. A. Dombart, of Evans City, Pennsylvania. George W. Wilson was elected county commissioner in 1893 and served one term.

Andrew Henderson Wilson, second son of George and Rebecca Wilson, was born in Mifflin Township, Allegheny County, Pennsyl-

vania, February 17, 1827, moved with his parents to Jackson Township, shortly thereafter. Learned the wagonmaker trade with Jacob Kleffer at his shop near Buhl's Bridge in Forward Township; worked at his trade in several of the states, and during the Civil War worked in the government shops and was working in the Union Shops at Nashville, Tennessee, at the time General Hood threatened Nashville, and was mustered into the Union Army and served until Hood was driven back from Nashville. He married Jennie Graham Speirs, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, only child of George Muir Spiers and Jane Campbell Speirs, at Nashville, Tennessee, October 5, 1865. After the Civil War moved to Pittsburgh, where he engaged in the carriage making business under the firm name of Hensel, Helm and Wilson. Then moved to Harmony, Pennsylvania, where he conducted a shop until his death, February 18, 1907. Children: John Haden Wilson; Annie Laura, wife of Seymour G. Lockwood, who resides at Tulsa, Oklahoma; Harry Randolph Wilson, who married Jessie Alexander, is a practicing physician at Evans City, Pennsylvania; and Nell Johnston Wilson, wife of Albert A. Campbell, who resides at Zelienople, Pennsylvania.

John Haden Wilson, oldest son of Andrew Henderson and Jennie Graham Speirs Wilson, was born at Nashville, Tennessee, and brought up at Harmony, Pennsylvania, graduated from Harmony Collegiate Institute and Grove City College, taught school, read law and was admitted to the Butler bar,, where he has engaged in practice since 1896. Married Catherine Elizabeth Levis of Rochester, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1899, and has two sons, John Levis Wilson, now a junior in the University of Michigan, and Robert Stewart Wilson, a junior in Butler High School. John H. Wilson was appointed solicitor for the borough of Butler in 1907 and has continued in that position for the borough and city of Butler since that date. He was elected March 4, 1919, to the Sixty-sixth Congress of the United States, as representative for the Twenty-sixth District of Pennsylvania, comprising Butler and Westmoreland counties, and served one full term. He was the first Democrat elected to Congress from Butler County in fifty years.

Walter B. Uber, an enterprising and progressive young business man of Slippery Rock, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Homerville, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1901, and is the son of Rev. G. A. and Alice (Beye) Uber.

Rev. G. A. Uber was born at Pine Run Farm, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1868. He is a minister of the Lutheran Church and now lives at Ellicott City, Maryland. His wife, a native of Fredonia, Pennsylvania, died July 28, 1920. To Rev. and Mrs. Uber the following children were born: Lillian; Walter B., the subject of this sketch; Martin; Theodore; Anna; Esther; Ruth; and Eugene.

Walter B. Uber received his education in the public schools of Zanesville, Ohio, and Grove City, Pennsylvania, High School. He is also an undergraduate of Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. He became interested in the plumbing and heating business in Slippery Rock May 1, 1924, where he is well known as a heating and tinning contractor. In March, 1927, Mr. Uber formed a partnership with H. C. Younkins.

Mr. Uber is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is unmarried.

David L. Billingsley is an enterprising and successful business man of Slippery Rock. He was born in Slippery Rock Township, Butler County, July 15, 1880, and is the son of Robert S. and Margaret (Gerwick) Billingsley.

Robert S. Billingsley, deceased, was a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County, where he spent his entire life. He was born on the old Billingsley homestead in Slippery Rock Township, and was always a farmer. He died in May, 1925, and his wife, a native of Whitestown, Pennsylvania, died in 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley had three children: Clarence J., lives at Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Nellie, deceased; and David L., the subject of this sketch.

David L. Billingsley received his education in the public schools of Butler and Port Allegheny, and since 1900 has engaged in busi-

ness. He has been proprietor of the Billingsley Studio at Slippery Rock since 1905, and is also owner of the Motor Theatre, a popular motion picture theatre of this section.

In 1901 Mr. Billingsley was married to Miss Nina Marie Kane, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and they have a son, Lloyd.

Mr. Billingsley is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

James B. Topley, one of the popular young business men of Slippery Rock, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at East McKeesport, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1899, and is the son of James and Estelle (Bain) Topley.

James Topley, deceased, was a native of East McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he spent his entire life. For some time he was interested in the coal business but later was a paving contractor. He and his wife died July 5, 1914. Both are buried at McKeesport.

After completing his schooling at East McKeesport, James B. Topley entered Slippery Rock State Normal School, but was forced to leave school on account of an operation. He then went to California and after his return in two years he became interested in the restaurant business at Slippery Rock in 1922 in partnership with Mrs. J. H. Welsh, and they are still associated in business.

Mr. Topley is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Independent Americans.

William A. Baker, well known burgess of Slippery Rock, is a representative young business man of this section and a member of one of Butler County's oldest families. He was born at Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1890, and is the son of Frank B. and Margaret Jane (Bell) Baker.

Frank B. Baker, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania. He spent most of his life at Slippery Rock and was a well known meat dealer. He died in 1916 and his widow now resides at Slippery Rock.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baker were born the following children: William A., the subject of this sketch; Fred B., lives at Slippery Rock; Bert H., lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania; Mary, lives at Slippery Rock; Paul, lives at Slippery Rock; G. K., lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania; and Esther and Ruth, both at home.

William A. Baker spent his boyhood in Slippery Rock and received his education in the public and high schools. He worked in the coal mines of this district for some time, spent four years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and then went with Slippery Rock State Normal School. Mr. Baker spent six years as a grocer here and then established his present business as a dealer of automobile accessories and supplies.

On July 25, 1915, Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Miss Jessie E. Kissick, of Slippery Rock, the daughter of W. G. and Floinda (Bollinger) Kissick. They have a daughter, Ruth Jane.

Mr. Baker is a Republican and has served as burgess of Slippery Rock since November 2, 1923. He holds membership in the Methodist Church and Knights of Pythias, and is a progressive member of the community in which he lives.

George L. Hamm, who is a member of the faculty of Slippery Rock State Normal School, ranks high among the widely known and influential educators of Pennsylvania. He was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1858, and is the son of Jared H. and Mary (Weaver) Hamm.

Jared H. Hamm, deceased, was a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, but spent most of his life in Lawrence County, where he was a well known contractor. His wife was a native of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania.

George L. Hamm received his early education in the district schools of Lawrence County and also attended Westminster Preparatory School. In 1885 he was graduated from Westminster College and spent the following three years at the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He then served as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church at East End, Pittsburgh, for three years, after

which he was appointed principal of the North Braddock High School. Mr. Hamm has been connected with the faculty of Slippery Rock State Normal School since March, 1895, and during the years of 1896 and 1897 he took post-graduate work in political and social science at Westminster and received his degree of Ph. D., and is a professor of psychology and history of education. He has taken considerable post-graduate work and spent the year of 1914 studying in Germany.

Mr. Hamm married Miss Emma J. Morris, of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Nathaniel and Ann B. (Turton) Morris. They have a daughter, Elsie, who lives at Youngstown, Ohio. She is a graduate of the local schools and Stetson University.

Mr. Hamm is a Republican and a thirty-second degree Mason.

Frank Klingler, who has been a resident of Slippery Rock since 1911, is a substantial and well liked citizen of the community. He was born at Knox, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1887, and is the son of Adam and Alice (McCilhattan) Klingler.

Adam Klingler, a well known oil producer of Clarion County, is a resident of Knox. His wife was born at that place and has spent her entire life there. Mr. and Mrs. Klingler have three children: Gertrude, married L. P. Merton, lives at Terre Haute, Indiana; Oliver, lives at Knox, Pennsylvania; and Frank, the subject of this sketch.

After completing his schooling in the public and high schools of Knox, Frank Klingler went to Oklahoma and from there to Kansas, where he was interested in oil drilling. In August, 1911, he located at Slippery Rock, where he manages and operates a popular barber shop. He also had the local agency for the Dodge automobile from 1924 until 1927.

On January 2, 1911, Mr. Klingler was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Hamilton, of Knox, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Ashbaugh) Hamilton, both deceased. They have two daughters, Mary Alice and Avel Lucille.

Mr. Klingler holds membership in the Lutheran Church and Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican.

H. J. Reddick, manager of the Slippery Rock Dairy Association, is a progressive young business man of Butler County and a veteran of the World War. He was born in Slippery Rock Township, Butler County, February 21, 1896, and is the son of H. M. and Vera May (Rawson) Reddick.

H. M. Reddick, a prosperous farmer of Slippery Rock Township, is a native of Butler County. He lived in West Virginia for a number of years, but is now extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising in Butler County. His wife was born at Waverly, West Virginia.

H. J. Reddick received his education in the public schools of Slippery Rock and also attended the local normal school. At the outbreak of the World War he enlisted and served in France with the One Hundred and Sixteenth Engineers. Upon his return to Slippery Rock after the close of the war Mr. Reddick served as a mail carrier for one year, and in April, 1922, was one of the organizers of the Slippery Rock Dairy Association. The officers of the company are: S. C. Humphrey, president; Frank McMullen, vice president; M. A. Gibson, secretary and treasurer; and H. J. Reddick, manager.

Mr. Reddick married Miss Grace Elizabeth Martin, the daughter of James and Mary (Brock) Martin, of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Donald, Elsie, and Catherine.

Politically Mr. Reddick is a Republican, and he holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church.

Louis McCollough, superintendent of the Slippery Rock Water Company, is a highly esteemed and widely known citizen of Butler County. He was born at Millerstown, in Butler County, January 24, 1869, and is the son of Samuel W. and Catherine (Kemmer) McCollough.

Samuel W. McCollough, deceased, was a native of Butler County. He was born on the old McCollough homestead, near Millerstown, and for many years was one of the leading farmers of this section. He died in March, 1926. His widow, born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, still lives on the homestead and is now eighty-two years

of age. To Mr. and Mrs. McCollough were born seventeen children, as follows: George; A. H.; Louis, the subject of this sketch; Viva; Gertrude; Jeanette; John; Albert; Lillian; Florence; Mildred; Cora; Oliver Merrell; Clarence; Elizabeth, deceased; Clark, deceased; and Sylvester.

Louis McCollough grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. After several years spent in farming he became interested in the oil fields of Butler, Armstrong, and Lawrence Counties. He came to Slippery Rock in 1902 and spent the following eight years in the hardware business. He then was appointed superintendent of the Slippery Rock Water Company and has served in that capacity for the past fourteen years.

Mr. McCollough was married first to Miss Mary F. Bingham, and to them were born three children: Pearce, Wallace, and Helen. Later he was married to Miss Dorothea Swentzberg, and they have two children, Mildred and Harold.

Mr. McCollough has always been a Republican and has served as a member of the City Council and as president of the local school board for sixteen years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an excellent citizen and an asset to his community.

D. A. Renick, who lives retired at Slippery Rock, is well and favorably known in Butler County, where he has spent his entire life. He was born at Keister Station, in Slippery Rock Township, January 25, 1854, and is the son of William and Caroline (Snyder) Renick.

William Renick, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was nine years old when his parents emigrated to this country and settled at Saxonburg. Later he removed to Keister Station, in Slippery Rock Township, where he followed his trade as a blacksmith for many years. He died in 1902. His wife, a native of Bavaria, Germany, and the daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Wagoner) Snyder, died April 16, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Renick were the parents of the following children: J. G., lives in Center Township, Butler County; D. A., the subject of this sketch; Louisa, deceased; George, deceased; Adam,

lives at Slippery Rock Township; Margaret Ann Hall, Grove City, Pennsylvania; Fred, lives in Slippery Rock Township; and Charles, lives at Albion, Pennsylvania.

D. A. Renick grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He remained on the home farm until 1886, at which time he purchased a farm near Slippery Rock. He remained here until 1916, when he retired and removed to Slippery Rock.

Mr. Renick was married June 21, 1887, to Miss Cora Allen, of Brady Township, Butler County, the daughter of Robert and Effie (Snyder) Allen, pioneer citizens of Butler County. Mr. Allen died May 22, 1922, and his wife died in April, 1896. They had four children: Cora Allen Renick; Lititia, married Albert Pepper; Louisa, married Thomas McClymonds; and Robert, lives at Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Renick is the great-great-granddaughter of Seth Bryan, a brother-in-law of Daniel Boone, who was a native of North Carolina. To D. A. and Cora (Allen) Renick two children were born: William, was graduated from Slippery Rock State Normal School in 1909, is agent for the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company at Branchton, Pennsylvania; and Caroline, married W. F. Hogg, of Branchton, Pennsylvania, and they have four children: Charles, Sarah, Robert, and Albert.

Mr. Renick is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Slippery Rock and has always been a Democrat.

William G. Kissicks is a successful merchant and highly esteemed citizen of Slippery Rock. He was born here, February 21, 1860, and is the son of Robert J. and Elizabeth J. (Crocker) Kissicks.

Robert J. Kissicks was sixteen years of age when he emigrated to this country from Ireland, where he was born. He spent several years in Philadelphia and then removed to Slippery Rock, where he was a shoe merchant for many years. He died December 28, 1905, and his wife, who was born in Butler County, died in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Kissicks had two sons: Silas J., lives at Elwood City, Pennsylvania; and William G., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his schooling, William G. Kissicks followed the shoemaking trade and was associated in business with his father for many years, and carried on the business after the retirement of his father. He was thus engaged for thirty-five years and then spent ten years as a grocer in partnership with W. A. Baker. Since June, 1922, Mr. Kissicks has conducted his present business as a dealer in magazines and school supplies.

Mr. Kissicks married Miss Florinda Bollinger, of Cherry Township, Butler County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bollinger. They have five children, as follows: Jessie E., married W. A. Baker, lives at Slippery Rock; Charles G., lives at Elwood City, Pennsylvania; Ruth, a teacher, lives at Youngstown, Ohio; Helen, married Ralph McCracken, lives at Elwood City, Pennsylvania; and Mary, married T. C. Foley, lives at Elwood City, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kissicks is a Republican and has served as tax collector and school director. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

Isaac N. Moore is a representative citizen of Butler County, where he has been identified with educational work for many years. He now lives retired at Slippery Rock. Mr. Moore was born in Brady Township, Butler County, July 27, 1858, and is the son of Samuel and Martha (Graham) Moore.

Samuel Moore, deceased, was a native of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He was born in 1822 and was five years old when his parents removed to Brady Township, Butler County, and settled on a farm. Mr. Moore always followed general farming and stock raising and was successful. He died in 1907 and his wife, who was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in 1822, died in 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had the following children: Elizabeth, John L., Lorenzo G., William J., and Isaac N., the subject of this sketch. By a second marriage to Miss Martha Dodds the following children were born: Thomas B., Clara B., Nannie, Sarah, and Ida.

Isaac N. Moore received his early education in the schools of Franklin Township, Butler County, and later attended Grove City

Academy. In 1885 he was graduated from Westminster College and then taught in the schools of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. He served as principal of New Castle High School for two years and then as principal of Waterford Academy. Mr. Moore served as a member of the faculty of Slippery Rock State Normal School for ten years, and then went to Westminster College, where he served as a professor for three years. He then returned to Slippery Rock State Normal School and spent the following eighteen years as a member of the faculty. He served as acting principal of the institution for one year and as vice principal for fourteen years. Since 1920 Mr. Moore has been retired from school work.

On August 30, 1888, Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Miss Adella McDowell, of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of David and Weltha (Phillips) McDowell. To them were born two children: Ralph H., married Bernice Hufford, lives at Oakdale, Pennsylvania, and they have a son, Carl L.; and Mildred I., an attorney, is connected with the Cleveland (Ohio) Public Library.

Mr. Moore is a member of the United Presbyterian Church and has always been a Republican.

H. Gale West is a prosperous and well known young business man of Slippery Rock, where he is a member of the firm of Adams & West, leading grocers. He was born in Slippery Rock Township, Butler County, February 19, 1898, and is the son of Clinton P. and Amanda (Schramm) West.

Clinton P. West, a progressive farmer and stockman of Slippery Rock Township, is a native of Marion Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. He has spent many years in Butler County and has a wide acquaintance in the community. His wife is also a native of Beaver County. Mr. and Mrs. West have six children, as follows: D. A., lives at Akron, Pennsylvania; H. Gale, the subject of this sketch; Reardon, lives at Los Angeles, California; Burnette, lives at home; Garrett and Virginia, both at home.

After completing his early schooling in Slippery Rock Township, H. Gale West attended Slippery Rock State Normal School, and then

spent three months teaching in the Allegheny County schools. He began his business career at Akron, Ohio, with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and since 1919 has been associated in business with D. L. Adams.

In 1918 Mr. West was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Varnum, of Slippery Rock, the daughter of George and Ada (Gruber) Varnum. Mr. Varnum, deceased, was a farmer of Butler Township, Butler County. Mr. and Mrs. West have three children: Avarel, Eugene, and Joan.

Politically Mr. West is a Democrat. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

D. L. Adams, of the firm of Adams & West, grocers, ranks high among the enterprising and successful young business men of Slippery Rock. He was born on a farm in Marion Township, Butler County, July 21, 1894, and is the son of Leander and Mary Elizabeth (Black) Adams.

Leander Adams, deceased, spent his entire life on a farm in Marion Township, Butler County. He was widely known as a successful stockman and was extensively engaged in general farming until his retirement in 1919. He died at Slippery Rock in that year. His wife, also a native of Marion Township, died in 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Adams were the parents of six children, as follows: Lilly, married H. N. Hennon, lives at Westview, Pennsylvania; Fannie, married S. H. McDonald, lives at Grove City, Pennsylvania; Twila, lives at Westview, Pennsylvania; Margaret, married J. E. Snyder, lives at Grove City, Pennsylvania; Jessie, lives at Westview, Pennsylvania; and D. L., the subject of this sketch.

D. L. Adams spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools, being a graduate of Clintonville High School. He farmed on the home place until 1919, when he became interested in the grocery business at Slippery Rock in partnership with Mr. McDonald. Mr. Adams has been associated with H. G. West since 1919 and they rank among the leading grocers and business men of this section.

Mr. Adams married Miss Mary Neyman, of Grove City, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Ella (Snyder) Neyman. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Warren, Ohio. She is now the wife of T. W. Eckert. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have two sons, Bruce LeRoy and Robert Marion.

Mr. Adams is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Cyrus H. Maybury, who is successfully engaged in the general insurance business at Slippery Rock, is a prominent and influential citizen of the community. He was born at Slippery Rock, August 28, 1869, and is the son of Jonathan and Frances (Crane) Maybury.

Jonathan Maybury, who died January 17, 1903, was a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Ligonier, but spent the greater part of his life at Slippery Rock, where he was a well known carpenter contractor. His wife died in 1907 and they are both buried at Slippery Rock. To Mr. and Mrs. Maybury were born four children: E. M., lives at Greenville, Pennsylvania; Mary E., lives at Slippery Rock; Cyrus H., the subject of this sketch; and William J., lives at Slippery Rock.

Cyrus H. Maybury attended the public schools of Slippery Rock and attended the local normal school. For a number of years he was associated in the shoe business with Benjamin Pearson at Slippery Rock. In 1902 Mr. Maybury took up carpenter contracting work and in 1918 became interested in the general insurance business.

Mr. Maybury married Miss Mary L. Morrison, of Slippery Rock Township, Butler County, the daughter of William J. and Mary J. (Taylor) Morrison, both deceased. They have no children.

Mr. Maybury is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has served as city assessor for twelve years and as secretary of the borough school board for five years. Mr. Maybury is also secretary and treasurer of the Slippery Rock Chamber of Commerce, which was reorganized March 25, 1925. It was founded February 23, 1909, and at that time had a membership of about twenty-five. The officers were: J. C. Kerr, president; J. E. Bard, vice president; W. H.

Wilson, vice president; C. C. Williams, secretary; and O. K. Bingham, treasurer. The present officers are: H. A. Bard, president; A. L. Chambers, vice president; M. A. Gibson, vice president, and Cyrus H. Maybury, secretary and treasurer. The Slippery Rock Chamber of Commerce is an exceedingly active organization and now has a membership of more than sixty members.

Roy Grossman, of near Slippery Rock, is a business man of Butler County. He was born in Cherry Township, Butler County, November 25, 1892, and is the son of Benjamin and Margaret (McClelland) Grossman.

Benjamin Grossman, deceased, spent his entire life in Butler County and was a farmer. He died about 1897, and his widow resides at Slippery Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Grossman had three sons: Robert, lives at home; Roy, the subject of this sketch; and Harry, lives at Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

Roy Grossman was educated in the public schools of Butler and for several years was interested in farming in Slippery Rock Township. He then worked in the coal mines. In 1921 he engaged in business at Slippery Rock as proprietor of Stone House Garage. He also operates a gasoline filling station and lunchroom.

In 1917 Mr. Grossman was married to Miss Florence Bryson, of Butler, and they have five children: Dorothy, Evelyn, Virginia, Mabel, and Royal Jackson.

Mr. Grossman is a member of the Methodist Church of Hallton and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican.

Franklin P. Bingham, who is identified with the well established hardware firm of Bingham & Sons, is a leading business man and substantial citizen of Slippery Rock. He was born here, December 29, 1856, and is the son of William S. and Mary Ann (Bard) Bingham.

William S. Bingham, deceased, was a prominent pioneer citizen of Butler County. He was born in Vermont and in 1828 removed to

Pennsylvania and settled at Slippery Rock, where he operated the Etna Steel Furnace and Foundry. Mr. and Mrs. Bingham, deceased, were the parents of thirteen children, as follows: Sylvester, Origen G., Amelia, Emaline, Samuel, John T., Elvira, Louise, Clara Belle, Myra, Cora, Franklin P., the subject of this sketch, and Maude.

After completing his schooling at Slippery Rock, Franklin P. Bingham worked in his father's foundry. In 1889 he established the hardware business which he now conducts. He has been successful in his work and is one of the reliable business men of the community. His son, John H. Bingham, is now associated with him.

Mr. Bingham married Miss Emily Lamey, of Mount Holly, New Jersey, the daughter of William and Rebecca (Kerr) Lamey. They have four children: Mary, deceased, was the wife of Louis McCollough, who lives at Slippery Rock; O. K., lives at Bridgeville, Pennsylvania; John H., lives at Slippery Rock; and Rebecca Helen, lives at home.

Mr. Bingham is a Democrat and has held the office of burgess of Slippery Rock. He has a wide acquaintance in the community and is well liked.

F. L. Forrester, who has engaged in the lumber business at Slippery Rock for the past thirty-five years, is a highly esteemed and widely known citizen of Butler County. He was born at Prospect, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1867, and is the son of James and Agnes (Garvey) Forrester.

James Forrester, deceased, spent his entire life at Prospect, Pennsylvania, and was a farmer. He died in 1909, and his wife, a native of Butler County, is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Forrester were born five children, as follows: Ford, farms the old homestead; F. L., the subject of this sketch; Clara, married Walter Shaeffer, lives at Prospect, Pennsylvania; Florence, married Dr. Asa Heyl, lives at Evans City, Pennsylvania; and Belle, married C. E. Wilson, lives at Brookville, Pennsylvania.

F. L. Forrester received his education in the public schools of Prospect and farmed on the home place until about 1891, at which time he became interested in the lumber and wood working business

at Slippery Rock. He has met with success in his work and is a dependable business man.

Mr. Forrester married Miss Nannie Webber, of Prospect, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Adam and Matilda Webber. They had three children: Florence, deceased; Helen, married Paul Garraux, lives at Bakerstown, Pennsylvania; and Arthur, lives in Slippery Rock.

In politics Mr. Forrester is independent. Both Mr. and Mrs. Forrester are members of the United Presbyterian Church of Slippery Rock.

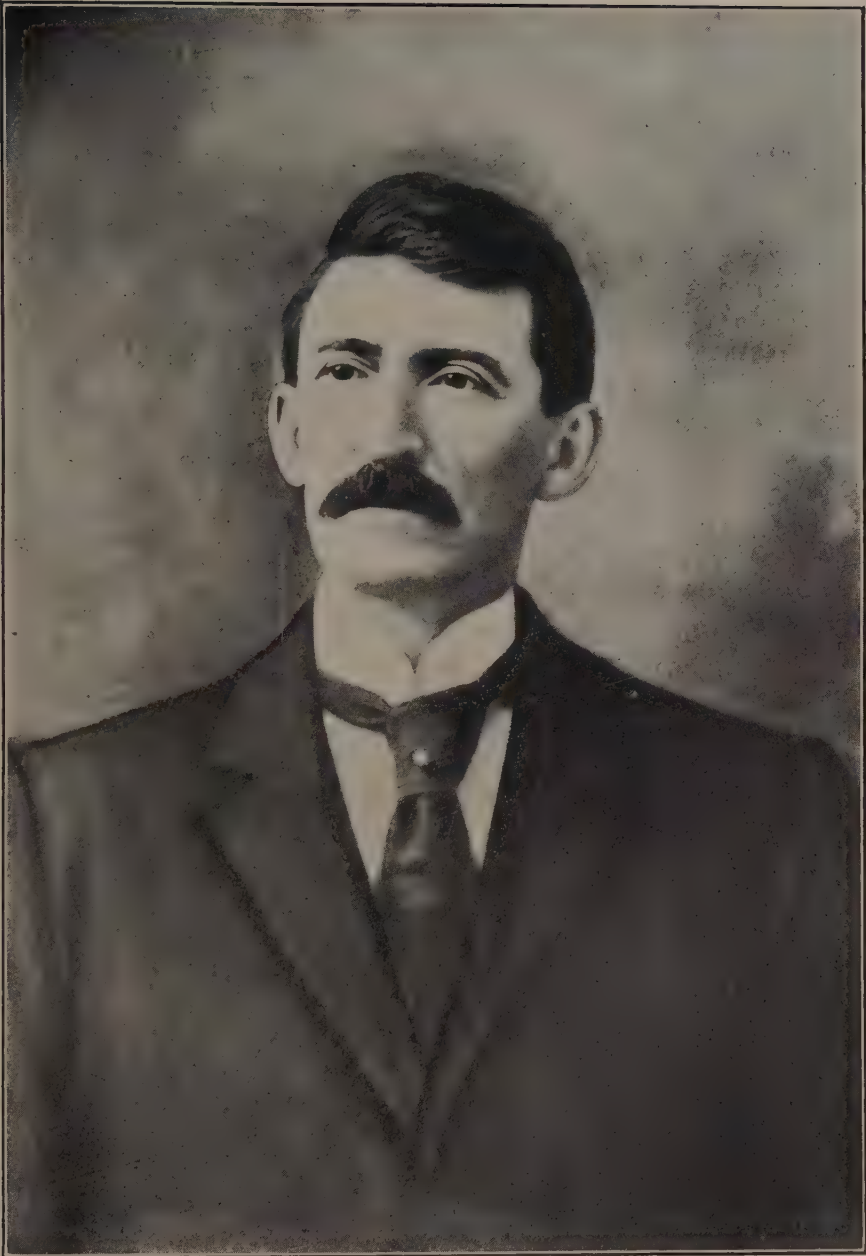
Edward Dambach, deceased, was a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Evans City. He was a native of Butler County and was the son of Jacob Dambach.

Jacob Dambach was born in Germany in 1827, came to this country at an early age and settled in Cranberry Township. He came to Evans City in 1876, and together with his son Edward founded a private banking business, and later on this bank was succeeded by The Citizens National Bank, of which Edward Dambach was president until his death in 1905. Jacob Dambach and his son Edward, under the name of J. & E. Dambach, also conducted a lumber business in Evans City. Later on the firm of J. & E. Dambach was succeeded by Edward Dambach, and in 1903 this business was incorporated with the name of The Edward Dambach Company.

Jacob Dambach died in Evans City in 1923 at the age of ninety-six years, while Edward Dambach died in Los Angeles, California, in 1905, where he had gone for his health.

Margaret Dambach, wife of Edward, was born in Evans City, a daughter of John and Christine Miller. She now resides in Baltimore, Maryland. To Edward and Margaret Dambach three children were born, Harry, who died in 1904 at the age of twenty-six years; Ralph A. and Frances M.

Ralph A. Dambach was born at Evans City March 25, 1888. He received his early education at Mercersburg Academy, later on attending the University of California and Syracuse University. Upon leaving college he became associated with The Edward Dambach Company, one of the largest lumber and millwork concerns in Pennsyl-



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vania. He is manager and treasurer of this company today, is also president of the Evans City Cut Flower Company, a director of the Citizens National Bank and director in several other companies.

December 24, 1915, Mr. Dambach was united in marriage with Miss Iva Markel, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Markel of Evans City.

Ralph A. Dambach is a Republican, a member of the Reformed Church, and belongs to various Masonic lodges.

James H. Morrison, burgess of Harrisville, is a prominent citizen of the community in which he lives, and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Butler County. He was born at Harrisville, June 9, 1857, and is the son of James H. and Martha (Hoseck) Morrison.

James H. Morrison, deceased, was a native of Marion Township, Butler County, and the son of Samuel Morrison, who emigrated to this country from Ireland at an early age and settled in Butler County in 1800. James H. Morrison spent his entire life in this section and was a harness maker. He died in 1905 at the age of 80 years and his wife, a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, died in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison had the following children: Walter L., lives at Harrisville; James H., the subject of this sketch; Samuel H., lives at Mercer, Pennsylvania; and two children died in infancy.

James H. Morrison grew up at Harrisville and received his education in the schools here. In 1874 he engaged in business and for many years owned and operated a well known livery. In 1919 he sold this business and has since conducted a gasoline filling station, which is widely patronized.

On October 22, 1878, Mr. Morrison was united in marriage with Miss Anne E. Elleby, of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Daniel and Ann (Smith) Elleby, natives of England. To them the following children were born: Cora, married H. C. Gibson, lives at Harrisville; Fred H., lives at Grove City, Pennsylvania; Charles, died in 1890; Sadie, died in 1889; and Ralph B., lives at Grove City, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Morrison died October 28, 1923, and

is buried at Harrisville. On September 9, 1925, Mr. Morrison married Miss Edna Sturgeon, of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Mary (Hosack) Sturgeon. The former is deceased and the latter lives in Mercer County.

Mr. Morrison has always been a staunch Republican and he has served as town assessor and as a member of the city council for several years.

Charles R. Grine, one of the substantial and well known citizens of Slippery Rock, is a native of this place. He was born July 7, 1884, and is the son of William H. and Agnes A. (Kennedy) Grine.

William H. Grine, retired, was born in Pittsburgh. He has spent the greater part of his life at Slippery Rock and during his active career was a rural mail carrier. His wife, a native of Prospect, Pennsylvania, died in March, 1915. To Mr. and Mrs. Grine the following children were born: William H., Jr.; Arthur Ernest; Edna K.; Charles R., the subject of this sketch; Clifford C.; Eugene; Mary A.; Helen E.; Frances; and Elizabeth.

After completing his schooling at Slippery Rock, Charles R. Grine became interested in the painting and paper hanging business in 1908. He is now a leading contractor of this section and carries on a large annual volume of business.

On December 7, 1910, Mr. Grine was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elvina Varnum, of Slippery Rock, the daughter of George and Ada (Gruber) Varnum. They have two children, Helen and Robert.

Politically, Mr. Grine is a Republican, and he is secretary of the city council. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

David W. Humphrey is widely known throughout Butler County as a representative business man of Harrisville, where he has successfully engaged in the general mercantile business since 1893. He was born in Worth Township, Butler County, February 3, 1866, and is the son of David Wilson and Julia Ann (Studebaker) Humphrey.

David Wilson Humphrey, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War, having served with Company H, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was born on the old Humphreys homestead in Worth Township, where he lived until the time of his death, which occurred in 1872. His wife, a native of that section also, died in 1913.

David W. Humphrey grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools. Later, he was enrolled in Grove City Academy and Edinboro State Normal School. He began his business career at Eau Claire, Pennsylvania, and for five years was interested in the general mercantile business at that place. Since 1893 he has been located at Harrisville, the business now being known as D. W. Humphrey & Sons.

Mr. Humphrey was married to Miss Nettie A. Pisor, the daughter of John and Mary (Emory) Pisor, of Butler County, Pennsylvania. They have five children: Ralph, a World War veteran, is associated in business with his father, married Rosetta Gilmore; Arthur, associated in business with his father, married Aletha Critchlow, and they have a daughter, Annetta Joyce; Floyd; Mary, married William Mayer, lives at Harrisville; and Julia, lives at home.

Mr. Humphrey is a Republican and has served as city councilman and school director. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Maccabees lodge. Mr. Humphreys has always been prominent in the business affairs of the city and for many years was vice president of the Harrisville First National Bank.

William K. Speer, postmaster of Harrisville, is well known among the progressive young men of Butler County. He was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1898, and is the son of James B. and Ella Maude (Seaton) Speer.

James B. Speer, of Harrisville, is a native of Parkers Landing, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. He has spent his entire life in this section and for many years was a leading farmer of Marion County. His wife was born here. Mr. and Mrs. Speer have three children: William K., the subject of this sketch; Sarah and Dorothy, both teachers at Imperial, Pennsylvania.

After completing his early schooling at Harrisville, William K. Speer attended Butler Business College. He then worked in the coal mines of Butler County until March, 1921, when he accepted the office of postmaster, in which capacity he has since served. During the World War Mr. Speer served as a member of the Student Army Training Corps.

On September 14, 1921, Mr. Speer was united in marriage with Miss Kathleen R. Hogue, of Butler, the daughter of John and Annetta (Stephenson) Hogue. Mr. Hogue died April 30, 1926, and his widow lives at Slippery Rock. They had two children: Mrs. Speer; and Stephen J., lives on a farm near Slippery Rock. To Mr. and Mrs. Speer have been born two daughters, Ruth Ella and Janet Louise.

Politically, Mr. Speer is a Republican. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and American Legion.

T. E. Taylor, who has served as justice of the peace since 1904, is a representative and widely known citizen of Slippery Rock. He was born on a farm in Worth Township, Butler County, September 9, 1852, and is the son of George and Rebecca (Kelley) Taylor.

George Taylor, deceased, was a native of Ireland. At the age of 20 years he emigrated to this country and settled on a farm in Worth Township, Butler County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in October, 1862, and his wife, a native of Worth Township, died in November, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had the following children: Jonathan; William E.; Eliza; Angeline; Silas; Margaret; Sarah; T. E.; and George R.

T. E. Taylor received his education in the district schools of Worth Township and also attended Plain Grove Academy in Lawrence County. He farmed on the home place until 1884 and then went to Coal-town, Cherry Township, where he remained for 17 years in the employ of the Union Coal & Coke Company. In 1902 he went with the Sharon Coal & Limestone Company, and remained with that concern for 17 years. Mr. Taylor is still extensively interested in the coal business and owns mines in Muddy Creek Township, Butler County.

Mr. Taylor married Miss Sarah Fisher, the daughter of Solomon and Cathrine (Strain) Fisher, of Brady Township, Butler County. They have four children: William, Catherine, Clara, and Clinton.

Politically, Mr. Taylor has always been a Republican. He and his family are members of the Methodist church and have a wide acquaintance throughout the county.

Harry E. Kohlmeyer, postmaster of Eau Claire, is well and favorably known among the successful young business men of Butler County. He was born at this place, October 21, 1898, and is the son of W. H. and Emma (Stalker) Kohlmeyer.

W. H. Kohlmeyer, retired, is a native of New Castle, Pennsylvania. At an early age he settled at Eau Claire, where he conducted a threshing business for many years. His wife was born near Eau Claire and has spent her entire life in this section. Mr. and Mrs. Kohlmeyer have five children: Lila, Mazie, Harry, Floyd, and Harry E.

Harry E. Kohlmeyer attended the local public and high schools and since 1918 has conducted a general mercantile business at Eau Claire. In September, 1925, he was appointed postmaster.

On August 11, 1920, Mr. Kohlmeyer was married to Miss Marjorie Hunter, the daughter of W. A. and Hattie (Sloan) Hunter, of Emlenton, Pennsylvania. They have a daughter, Janice.

Mr. Kohlmeyer is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge of Emlenton.

J. S. Bortz is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Harrisville, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born here, February 28, 1864, and is the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Shull) Bortz.

Henry Bortz was born in Deer Creek Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in 1834. He removed to Harrisville in 1863, where he spent the remainder of his life as a shoemaker. He died in 1914, and his wife, who was born at Harrisville in 1838 died in 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Bortz had five children, as follows: William, lives at Franklin,

Pennsylvania; J. S., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, married W. K. Bell, lives at Burgettstown, Pennsylvania; F. V., lives at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania; and Lena, married S. A. Vogan, lives at Grove City, Pennsylvania.

J. S. Bortz spent his entire life except three years at Harrisville. Mr. Bortz has been a barber for 30 years and conducts a popular and well patronized barber shop at Harrisville.

Mr. Bortz was married July 3, 1884, to Miss Elizabeth Shaffstall, of Crawford County, Pennsylvania. She died in 1920, leaving the following children: Luella, Vallie, Charles, Joseph, Ruth, Aleta, and Irwin.

Mr. Bortz is a Republican and served an unexpired term as school director and was elected one term as such. He and his family hold membership in the Methodist church.

David J. Kyle. One of the leading citizens of Butler County is David J. Kyle, who has served as justice of the peace at Harrisville since 1922. He was born at this place, March 24, 1853, and is the son of Thompson and Margaret (Tesse) Kyle.

Thompson Kyle, deceased, was a native of Ireland. At an early age he came to this country and settled in Butler County, where he was prominent in railroad activities, letting most of the leases in this section of the country. He was later a farmer. For many years Mr. Kyle lived in Pittsburgh. He died in 1904, and his wife, a native of Philadelphia, died in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle had ten children, as follows: William, deceased; Edward H., a physician at Ithaca, New York, before his death in 1914; Albert L., died at Harrisville in 1885; David J., the subject of this sketch; Thompson, a retired farmer, lives at Harrisville, married Catherine O'Neill, of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and they have two daughters, Margaret and Helen; Jennie V., deceased; Robert W., lives on the old homestead; Rettie, died in 1888; Sophia, died in 1889; and Nora, died in infancy.

David J. Kyle received his early education in the schools of Harrisville and later attended Wooster College. He was admitted to the bar of Butler County in 1878 and engaged in the practice of law here

until 1886, at which time he removed to Pittsburgh and practiced law. With his law practice he was interested in the real estate business in that city from 1886 until 1906, when he returned to Harrisville. He served as local postmaster from 1913 until 1922, when he was elected justice of the peace.

Mr. Kyle married Miss Flora L. Dietrich, the daughter of Jacob Dietrich of Pittsburgh. They have two children, Thompson R. and Lucille H.

Mr. Kyle is a staunch Democrat and has held many local public offices. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church and have a wide circle of friends in the community in which they live.

Arthur Ernest Grine, one of Slippery Rock's leading business men and substantial citizens, is a native of Butler County. He was born at Prospect, April 9, 1880, and is the son of William Henry and Annie Agnes (Kennedy) Grine.

William Henry Grine, who lives retired at Slippery Rock, was born in Pittsburgh, where he has spent the greater part of his life. During his active career he was a farmer and also was employed as a rural mail carrier at Slippery Rock. His wife was born in this county and died in March, 1914. To Mr. and Mrs. Grine the following children were born: William Herbert; Arthur Ernest, the subject of this sketch; Edna Catherine; Charles Russell; Albert Frederick, deceased; Clifford Clinton; Eugene Earle; Raymond Kennedy, deceased; Mary Agnes; Helen Genevieve; Frances Margaret; and Esther Elizabeth.

Arthur Ernest Grine spent his boyhood at Slippery Rock and attended the schools here. When a young man he entered the employ of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, with which he was connected as brakeman and flagman, and later was promoted to conductor. He remained with that company about five years. He then returned to Slippery Rock and has since been identified with the Manufacturers Light & Heat Company and since 1920 has been low pressure foreman.

On August 16, 1906, Mr. Grine was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Catherine Reiche, the daughter of August and Anna

(Nagel) Reiche, of Pittsburgh. The former is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Reiche had ten children, as follows: Hannah Dorothy; Emile, deceased; Herman; Anna, deceased; Henrietta Catherine Grine; Paul Henry, deceased; Charles L.; Margaret, deceased; Amanda Marie, deceased; and one child died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Grine have been born two children, Ruth Eleanor and Paul Henry.

Mr. Grine is a Republican and has served as chief of police and as a member of the town council. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. Both he and his family are widely known in the community.

F. A. Heyl, cashier of the Eau Claire State Bank, is a veteran of the World War, and a representative young business man of Butler County. He was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1895, and is the son of Frederick and Laura (Reed) Heyl.

Frederick Heyl, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Germany and was five years old when his family emigrated to this country and settled near Buffalo, New York. About 1847 he located in Pennsylvania. During the Civil War Mr. Heyl enlisted and served with the Seventy-second New York Volunteer Infantry. He died in 1921, and his widow, a native of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, now resides at Dempseytown, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Heyl had three children: F. A., the subject of this sketch; Louise, married Clarence Reed, lives at Oil City, Pennsylvania; and Bernetta, lives at Oil City, Pennsylvania.

F. A. Heyl spent his boyhood at Dempseytown, in Venango County, and attended the public schools. Later he was enrolled at the Meadville Commercial College and he began his business career with the Crawford County Trust Company at Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he remained until the beginning of the World War. He then enlisted and served as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry, Twenty-eighth Division. He spent a year in France and after the close of the war entered the employ of the First National Bank at Meadville. Mr. Heyl has been connected with the Eau Claire State Bank as cashier since 1921. This banking institu-

tion was founded in 1920 and has the following officers: C. B. McFarlin, president; W. H. Shaffer, vice president; and F. A. Heyl, cashier. It has a capital stock of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$5,000.

Mr. Heyl was married March 16, 1918, to Miss Alice Baird, the daughter of Frank D. and Mary (Franklin) Baird, of Meadville, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Betty Gene and Frederick B.

Mr. Heyl is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is serving as school director of Eau Claire and takes an active interest in the affairs of his community.

Harry C. Gibson is a substantial citizen and widely known merchant of Harrisville. He was born in Pine Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1878, and is the son of John and Mary (Forrest) Gibson.

John Gibson was born on a farm in Pine Township, Mercer County, in 1841, and during his active career was a successful farmer. He has lived retired at Harrisville since 1918 and is now 86 years of age. His wife was born in Plain Grove Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have two sons: Clarence and Harry C.

Harry C. Gibson was educated in the district schools of Pine Township and for about ten years traveled and worked at various occupations. He then engaged in partnership with J. B. McGee at Harrisville in 1905 and this firm continued in business until 1916, when Mr. Gibson went with W. A. McMillan. For the past several years Mr. Gibson has conducted this general merchandise business alone and has met with marked success. The business was established more than 100 years ago by Judge Kerr.

On February 14, 1906, Mr. Gibson was married to Miss Cora M. Morrison, the daughter of J. H. Morrison, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. They have two sons, Paul LeRoy, and Donald.

Mr. Gibson is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge.

W. E. McBride is well known at Harrisville, where he is assistant cashier of the First National Bank. He was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1891, and is the son of W. W. and Jane (Mortimer) McBride.

W. W. McBride, who lives retired at Grove City, Pennsylvania, is a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. He is 81 years of age. His wife, born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, died in June, 1923. To Mr. and Mrs. McBride were born the following children: Bertha; Louis; Nellie; Lydia; Catherine; Jennie and Eletha, twins; Eva; W. E., the subject of this sketch; and Winifred.

W. E. McBride was educated in the public and high schools of Grove City and in early life was interested in farming. He later went with the Bessemer Gas Engine Company at Grove City, Pennsylvania, and in January, 1918, came to Harrisville, where he accepted his present responsible position with the First National Bank.

On June 17, 1914, Mr. McBride was married to Miss Clarice North, the daughter of John and Anna (Miller) North, of Mercer County. They have a son, Wendell.

Mr. McBride is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Maccabees. He is active in the affairs of Harrisville and is serving as a member of the city council.

Joseph Martin Beatty, leading merchant and prominent citizen of Eau Claire, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Venango County, July 26, 1887, and is the son of H. C. and Christina (Phipps) Beatty.

H. C. Beatty, who died in 1915, was a native of Butler County, where he spent his entire life as a general merchant. His wife, born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, died in 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty had the following children: John J., Alfred, Richard, Mary, Grover, Joseph Martin, and William.

After completing his schooling at Barkeyville, Joseph Martin Beatty became interested in the mercantile business at that place with his father. He remained there until about 1918, when he located at Eau Claire and established his present extensive business. Mr.

Beatty carries a complete line of dry goods, clothing, shoes, and furniture, and also is the local dealer for the Ford and Chrysler automobiles. His complete stock of merchandise is valued at more than \$100,000.

Mr. Beatty married Miss Velma K. Kinder, of Venango County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of J. O. and Elizabeth (Martin) Kinder. They have six children: Josephine, Jean, Frances Merle, James, Cecil, and Harry.

Mr. Beatty is a staunch Republican and holds membership in the Methodist Church.

Andrew O. Miller, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in West Virginia, and at an early age settled in Butler County, establishing the present drug firm of Miller Brothers at Eau Claire in 1885. During the Civil War he served as a member of Company B, Twenty-sixth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. He died February 4, 1926, at the age of eighty-seven years, and his widow, who was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, resides at Eau Claire. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born four children: Thompson, deceased; Zethina, married G. E. Long, lives at Emlenton, Pennsylvania; Owen, mention of whom is made below; and R. B., the subject of this sketch.

R. B. Miller, drug clerk, ranks high among the enterprising and successful young business men of Eau Claire. He was born here, July 13, 1897.

He attended the public schools of Eau Claire and began his business career in 1918, when he became interested in his father's drug business. He is a capable and trustworthy young business man of the community. He is a Republican and served as justice of the peace for a time.

Owen Miller, of Miller Brothers, drug store, is a prominent young business man of Eau Claire, where he was born May 29, 1895. He was educated at Eau Claire and on January 28, 1918, volunteered for service in the World War. He served in France with the U. S. Marine Corps, as a member of the Forty-ninth Company, Fifth Regiment, Second Division, and participated in the battle of Belleau Wood, and was active with his regiment at the Soissons and Meuse-Argonne

fronts. He was severely wounded at the battle of Champagne and was invalided home in January, 1919. In 1922 he was elected county treasurer of Butler County and served in that capacity for a period of four years. He is a Republican, a member of the Associate Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

J. M. Hogue, justice of the peace at Forrestville, is a highly respected and widely known citizen of Butler County. He was born on a farm in Cherry Township, Butler County, April 9, 1852, and is the son of John and Jane (Turk) Hogue.

John Hogue, deceased, was a native of Butler County. He spent his entire life on a farm in Cherry Township and was well known as a successful farmer of the county. He died in 1864 at the age of forty-five years and his wife, a native of Clay Township, Butler County, died February 25, 1887. John Hogue was married the first time to Florinda McFate, and four children were born to this union: Margaret Jane, Euphemie, Elizabeth and Robert McCoy, all deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hogue were the parents of five children, as follows: J. M., the subject of this sketch; James T., a farmer, lives in Butler County; Bythinia, died November 8, 1865, at the age of nine years; John H., died April 30, 1926; and Ada K., died May 13, 1886.

After completing his schooling in Butler County, J. M. Hogue farmed on the home place. He was one of the men employed on the job of building the first stone bridge in the county. Later, he returned to farming and was thus engaged for many years. He also conducted a threshing business for ten years and owned well improved farms in Mercer, Slippery Rock and Parker townships. In 1907 Mr. Hogue came to Forrestville and for a number of years was active as a carpenter contractor. In 1922 he was elected justice of the peace and has since filled that office.

In 1874 Mr. Hogue was married to Miss Sarah McKissick, the daughter of John and Sarah S. (Kelley) McKissick, of Cherry Township, Butler County. Mrs. Hogue died October 22, 1924. To Mr. and Mrs. Hogue were born six children: L. J., lives at Boyer, Pennsylvania; Della M., married Oscar Barker, lives at Euclid, Pennsyl-

vania; V. L., lives at Butler, Pennsylvania; John S., lives at Youngstown, Ohio; David W., died November 18, 1918; and Olive Jane, married J. B. Reddick, lives at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Politically Mr. Hogue is a Republican and he holds membership in the Methodist Church.

Clay C. Ruff, professor of science at Slippery Rock State Normal School, is well known among the leading educators of Butler County. He was born at Ruffsedale, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1879, and is the son of C. P. and Lydia (Strohm) Ruff.

C. P. Ruff, deceased, was also a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. During his life he followed general farming and stock raising and helped develop the oil industry of Venango County. He died in 1907 and his wife died in 1916.

After completing his early schooling at Ruffsedale, Clay C. Ruff attended Greensburg Seminary and Mt. Pleasant Institute. He was graduated from Slippery Rock State Normal School in 1898 and from Franklin College (Ohio) in 1902. Franklin College has since combined with Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, and he is thus an alumnus of that institution. He began his teaching career at Curry College in Pittsburgh, where he also later served as principal of the collegiate department of Curry College. Since 1908 Professor Ruff has been connected with Slippery Rock State Normal School.

In 1907 Mr. Ruff was married to Miss Anna Cleaver, of Bedford, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Rev. John and Laura (Wilkinson) Cleaver, both deceased. They have a son, Curtis Cleaver Ruff. He was also a student of Columbia University and the University of Pittsburgh and resides at Slippery Rock.

Mr. Ruff is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and is active in all church affairs. He has been secretary of the Ruling Elders Association of Butler Presbytery since its formation three years ago. He is affiliated with the Masonic lodges, having membership in the Blue Lodge at Grove City, Chapter and Knight Templars at Butler and Consistory at New Castle, and Knights of Pythias. Professor Ruff is also interested in physical education and was president of the

Physical Culture Society of Pittsburgh. He is an excellent citizen of the community and has a host of friends and acquaintances throughout Butler County.

Andrew Montgomery, a substantial citizen and well known business man of Harrisville, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Wolf Creek Township, Mercer County, May 22, 1881, and is the son of William and Jane (Curry) Montgomery.

William Montgomery, deceased, was a native of Ireland. When about thirty-five years of age he came to this country and settled on a farm in Wolf Creek Township, Mercer County. During his retirement Mr. Montgomery lived at Grove City, Pennsylvania. He died November 28, 1926, and his widow, also a native of Ireland, lives at Grove City. To Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery the following children were born: William, Margaret, Lizzie, John, Samuel, Mary, Andrew, James, Sarah, and Martha.

After completing his schooling in Mercer County, Andrew Montgomery farmed on the home place with his father. Later he removed to Grove City and was there engaged in business for eleven years. Since 1924 Mr. Montgomery has conducted his present business at Harrisville, where he is manufacturing concrete blocks of quality.

On December 18, 1902, Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Welton, of Grove City, the daughter of L. E. and Josephine (Pettit) Welton. Mrs. Welton died in 1902, and her husband lives at Grove City. To Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have been born four children: LeRoy, Leora, Marion, and Dorothy.

Mr. Montgomery is a Democrat and holds membership in the Methodist Church.

William Sproule, owner of the Harrisville Milling Company, ranks high among the dependable business men of Butler County. He was born at Boyers, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1884, and is the son of James A. and Margaret (Sloan) Sproule.

James A. Sproule is a well known business man of Annandale, Pennsylvania, where he is extensively engaged in the flour and feed

business. He was born at Prospect, in Butler County, and his wife was born at Eau Claire. Mr. and Mrs. Sproule have three children: Vernie, married Earl Stover, lives at Butler; Pearl, married David Hennan, lives at Annandale, Pennsylvania; and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Sproule attended the public schools of Annandale and North Washington (Pennsylvania) High School. He then worked in the coal mines of Butler County and later went with the New Castle Street Railway Company. After several years he became associated in business with his father, with whom he was identified until 1921. Mr. Sproule has since owned and operated the Harrisville Milling Company at Harrisville, one of the oldest milling businesses in the county, it having been established in 1875. The mill was built by ex-Judge James Kerr and Reed Walker. Later it was owned by Samuel Bingham and J. M. Sutton. In September, 1922, Mr. Sproule purchased the mill and it became known as the Harrisville Milling Company. He mills the "Puro pastry and fancy blended flour." The capacity is six barrels per hour. It is one of the successful businesses of Butler County. He has remodeled the mill with modern machinery. He employs four men. Lawrence Taylor, the mill foreman, has been with this mill for the past twelve years and is one of the trusty workmen.

Mr. Sproule was married July 3, 1904, to Miss Maude Thompson, of Keister, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Marion and Jane Thompson. They have three children: Lloyd, associated in the mill with his father; Helen and Shirley.

Mr. Sproule is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

A. J. Winters. One of the most successful of the younger business men of Butler is A. J. Winters, who is president of the Main Drug Stores, Inc. He was born at Harmony, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1896, and is the son of Jacob L. and Alma (Slater) Winters.

Jacob L. Winters, a well known tailor of Butler, is a native of Somerset County, Pennsylvania. He has spent the greater part of his

life in this city and is a reliable business man. His wife was born in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Winters have two children: A. J., the subject of this sketch; and Genevieve, who lives at home.

A. J. Winters attended the public and high schools of Butler and studied pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1919. He then served as store manager for the drug firm of Harvey & Carey in Butler for several years and in 1922 became associated with H. B. Johnson, D. M. Hervey and Mrs. E. Reed, as owners of the Main Drug Stores, Inc. They operate three stores in Butler, Mr. Winters being manager of store No. 3. The officers are: A. J. Winters, president; H. B. Johnson, vice president; D. M. Hervey, treasurer; and Mrs. E. Reed, secretary.

On September 17, 1926, Mr. Winters was united in marriage with Miss Ethel Scott, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Scott, of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Winters is identified with the Masonic and Elk lodges, Kiwanis Club, Sterling Club, and Kappa Psi fraternity. He is a Republican.

Edward L. Oesterling, well known building contractor of Zelienople, is a native of Butler County. He was born in Summit Township, December 24, 1868, and is the son of Adam and Elizabeth (Forcht) Oesterling.

Adam Oesterling was born in Summit Township, Butler County, in 1836. He was always interested in general farming and owned a well improved farm of ninety-eight acres. He died in 1912 and is buried in the South Cemetery, Butler. His wife was also born in Summit Township, Butler County, in 1838, and died in 1894, at the age of fifty-five years. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Forcht. John Forcht was a native of Germany and an early settler of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His wife was born and reared in Chicora, Pennsylvania.

Edward L. Oesterling completed his schooling in the district schools of Summit Township and Witherspoon Institute at Butler, and when nineteen years of age left the farm and went to Butler to learn the carpenter's trade. He entered the plant of George Schenck, builder



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of Butler, and continued in his employ until 1908, when he became interested in the contracting and building business at Zelienople. He has built many of the city's finest homes and is widely known as a reliable builder and real estate dealer.

On June 10, 1892, Mr. Oesterling was married to Miss Margaret Grohman, of Butler, the daughter of John C. and Mary (Frederick) Grohman, both deceased. They have two children: Inez, married L. M. Green, lives at Titusville, Pennsylvania; and Donald V., lives at Zelienople.

Mr. Oesterling is a Democrat, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and is active in the Rotary Club of Zelienople. He has various business interests and is vice president of the Fowler Lumber Company, of Mars, Pennsylvania, and a director of the Peoples National Bank, Zelienople.

C. F. Hutzler, a merchant one mile west of West Winfield, is a member of one of Butler County's oldest and most highly esteemed families. He was born at West Winfield, July 7, 1873, and is the son of John and Margaret (Weaver) Hutzler.

Both John Hutzler and his wife were natives of Bavaria, Germany, and emigrated to the United States when children, their parents settling in Winfield Township, Butler County, where they were well known as prosperous farmers. John Hutzler died in 1913 and his wife died previous to that time. They had eight children, as follows: James, lives at Butler, Pennsylvania; William, died in July, 1924; Peter, deceased; C. F., the subject of this sketch; Ella, married Samuel Allen, lives at Butler, Pennsylvania; Margaret, married Samuel Freehling, lives at Warwood, Pennsylvania; Sadie, married Jesse Parkhill, lives at Steubenville, Ohio; and Alice, married Lief Lloyd, lives at Cabot, Pennsylvania.

C. F. Hutzler spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the public schools. For some time he conducted a general mercantile business at Denny's Mill before removing to Pittsburgh, where he spent three years. He then returned to West Winfield and was successfully engaged in business there until 1926, at which time he

disposed of his interests to the Ferris Supply Company, and in 1927 he erected a modern brick home and store one mile west of West Winfield. He carries a general line of merchandise in his up-to-date store.

Mr. Hutzler married Miss Mary McCarron, of Worthington, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Patrick and Margaret (Cusick) McCarron. They have no children.

Mr. Hutzler always has been a Democrat and he and his wife hold membership in St. Mary's Catholic Church. They have a wide acquaintance in the community and are well liked.

James H. Collins, who is identified with the Pennsylvania Clay Products Company at West Winfield, is an enterprising and successful young business man of Butler County. He was born at Oshanter, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1893, and is the son of Hugh and Mary (Haddock) Collins.

Hugh Collins, who died in 1924, was a resident of Oshanter, Pennsylvania, practically his entire life and worked in the coal mines. His wife died in 1922. They had the following children: Thomas, lives at Commodore, Pennsylvania; Samuel, lives at Commodore, Pennsylvania; Mary, married John Weir, lives at Oshanter, Pennsylvania; Hugh, lives at Oshanter, Pennsylvania; Robert, lives at Commodore, Pennsylvania; James H., the subject of this sketch; George, lives at Cleveland, Ohio; William, lives at Commodore, Pennsylvania; Alexander, lives at Curwensville, Pennsylvania; and Agnes, married Wilson Swatsworth, lives at Curwensville, Pennsylvania.

James H. Collins spent his boyhood at Oshanter and attended the district schools. He also attended Clearfield Business College and began his business career with the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad Company at St. Marys, Pennsylvania. After nine years he went with the St. Marys Sewer Pipe Company and the following year became identified with the Ridgeway Manufacturing Company at Ridgeway, Pennsylvania. Since 1924 Mr. Collins has served as office manager for the Pennsylvania Clay Products Company at West Winfield.

On November 25, 1919, Mr. Collins was united in marriage with Miss Marguerite Powell, of Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, the daughter of T. V. and Menetta (Wolters) Powell.

Mr. Collins is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Ridgeway, and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and American Legion.

During the World War Mr. Collins volunteered for service and was stationed at Fort Slocum, New York, as a member of the ordnance department.

H. L. Swartlander, vice president and superintendent of the Fenelton Coal Company, Fenelton, is a representative and successful business man of Butler County. He was born at Middlesex, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1873, and is the son of James A. and Martha Eton (Brown) Swartlander.

James A. Swartlander was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, in 1827 and died in 1900. He was a blacksmith and spent most of his life in Middlesex, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. His wife was born at Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and is now eighty-nine years of age. She resides at Chicora, Pennsylvania. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Swartlander: Jane, Samuel, A. M., Anna, George, Robert, James, J. C., H. L., Nettie, Nora, Phillip, and Thomas.

H. L. Swartlander grew up in Butler County and received his education in the district schools. At an early age he became interested in the oil fields of the county as a driller. Later, he became a producer and now owns twenty-eight producing wells. In 1918 Mr. Swartlander was active in the organization of the Fenelton Coal Company and since 1924 has served as the company's superintendent.

Mr. Swartlander married Miss Lydia W. Fennell, of Fenelton. They have five children: Harry A., Earl, Martha, Clara, and Edith.

Politically, Mr. Swartlander is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Harry A. Swartlander was born in Butler County, July 13, 1902. After completing his schooling he became interested in the Fenelton Coal Company and is now manager of the Fenelton Supply Company.

He was married February 22, 1922, to Miss Lela Sutton, of Chicora, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Charles M. and Ora (Seibert) Sutton, residents of Fenelton. They have a son, Dale Eugene.

Mr. Swartlander is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is one of the progressive and reliable young business men of the community and is well known.

Dr. Edward M. Warnick is a leading physician of Butler County, successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Cabot. He was born at Hawthorne, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1874, and is the son of William A. and Mary Ann (Yeany) Warnick.

William A. Warnick was born in Donegal, Ireland, and was thirteen years of age when he came to this country in 1846. He settled in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. He died in 1925 at the age of ninety-two years, and his wife, a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, died January 11, 1892.

After completing his early schooling in Clarion County, Edward M. Warnick attended West Millville Academy and in 1905 was graduated from Western University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The following year he engaged in practice in Pittsburgh, where he remained until April, 1922. He has since been located at Cabot, where he is well established.

On June 10, 1915, Doctor Warnick was united in marriage with Miss Freida Gaul, of Pittsburgh, the daughter of Frederick and Christina (Lengler) Gaul. They have no children.

Doctor Warnick holds membership in the Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

F. J. Schiebel, who has been a resident of Cabot since 1897, is a substantial and highly respected citizen of Butler County. He was born in Clearfield Township, Butler County, April 29, 1875, and is the son of Joseph and Catherine (Heim) Schiebel.

Joseph Schiebel, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was twenty years of age when he emigrated to this country and settled

in Clearfield Township, Butler County. He was always a farmer and died in 1912 at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife was born in Philadelphia and died in 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. Schiebel were born the following children: John, deceased; Catherine, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Mary; George; F. J., the subject of this sketch; Albert; and Herman.

F. J. Schiebel attended the Herman School in Butler County and later the Duff public school of Clearfield Township. At an early age he learned the stone mason's trade and worked at that occupation for seven years, afterward learning the blacksmith and carriage making trade. Since 1907 Mr. Schiebel has been a member of the firm of Faulkner & Schiebel, well known blacksmiths and wagon makers of this section.

Mr. Schiebel married Miss Alda Faulkner, the daughter of Lewis H. Faulkner, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. They have two daughters, Catherine and Marcella.

Mr. Schiebel is a Republican and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He also belongs to the Woodmen of the World.

William H. Muder, of Cabot, is well and favorably known among the substantial citizens of Butler County. He was born at Cabot, August 29, 1889, and is the son of John Herman and Elizabeth (Knouse) Muder.

John Herman Muder, deceased, was born at Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, in 1848, the son of John Henry Muder, a native of Germany and one of the first settlers of Butler County. He settled here in 1832 and was widely known throughout this section during his life. He served throughout the Civil War as a corporal with the Fortieth Regular Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and participated in the following battles: Second Bull Run, Gaines Hill, South Mountains, Antietam, Fredricksburg, Gettysburg, Falling Waters, Culpepper, Briston Station, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Spottsylvania, North Anna, and Bethesda Church. His son, John Herman Muder, also served throughout the Civil War with the Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and was taken prisoner in the early part

of the war, later serving as a member of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. John Herman Muder spent most of his life in Butler County and died January 30, 1925. His wife, a native of Summit Township, Butler County, died in 1905. To Mr. and Mrs. Muder were born three children: William H., the subject of this sketch; Emma, lives at Akron, Ohio; and Edward, lives at Cabot, Pennsylvania.

William H. Muder grew up at Cabot and received his education in the public schools. He has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company since 1909 and is now a locomotive engineer in the company's service.

On May 31, 1916, Mr. Muder was united in marriage with Miss Hazel Krug, of Cabot, the daughter of William C. and Anna (Post) Krug. They have two daughters, Elizabeth and Ruth.

Mr. Muder holds membership in the Methodist Church, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta, and Brotherhood of Engineers.

Lewis H. Faulkner, of Faulkner & Schiebel, well known business men of Cabot, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Pittsburgh, March 11, 1859, and is the son of John and Eva Faulkner.

John Faulkner, deceased, was a native of Germany. After his arrival in the United States he located at Pittsburgh, where he remained until 1859. He then removed to Sarver Station, Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his life as a successful farmer. He died in 1906 and his wife died the same year. They had the following children: John, deceased; Lewis H., William, Samuel, Mathew, Elizabeth, deceased, and Annie.

After completing his schooling in the district schools, Lewis H. Faulkner learned the blacksmith's trade, and in 1879 located at Cabot, where he has since lived. He is widely known throughout the county and is a reliable and dependable business man. Since 1907 Mr. Faulkner has been associated with F. J. Schiebel.

Mr. Faulkner was married to Miss Mary Bollman, of Freeport, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Bollman. They have the following children: Harry, deceased; Alda; Frank; Eva;

Leda; Clyde, deceased; Pearl; Hazel; Edith; Walter; and Filmore, deceased.

Mr. Faulkner has always been a Republican and he and his family hold membership in the Methodist Church.

The Fenelton Coal Company, of Fenelton, is among the leading corporations of Butler County. It was organized in 1918 and mines a fine grade of soft coal. Approximately forty men are employed in the company's mines and it ranks among the widely known coal companies of this section of the state, doing a large volume of business annually.

The officers of the Fenelton Coal Company are: W. S. Fennell, president; H. L. Swartlander, vice president and superintendent; J. L. Dipner, secretary and treasurer. The directors are: W. S. Fennell, H. L. Swartlander, Harry Dunlap, J. L. Dipner, P. S. Fennell, James Fennell, and William Shaffer.

James N. Long, cashier of the First National Bank of Bruin, is a representative young business man of Butler County, and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Cokeville, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1900, and is the son of James Albert and Alice G. (McBayne) Long.

James Albert Long, deceased, lived in Pennsylvania throughout his entire life. He was born at Oil City, and for a number of years was connected with the American Bridge Company, as a foreman of structural steel work. He was killed in a fall from a steel building at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1921. His widow resides at Cokeville. To Mr. and Mrs. Long were born six children: Verne, married J. A. Milliron, lives at Cokeville, Pennsylvania; Arthur R., lives at Passaic, New Jersey; Albert LeRoy, lives at Cokeville, Pennsylvania; George Dewey, lives at Cokeville, Pennsylvania; James N., the subject of this sketch; and Lloyd Clark, lives at Pittsburgh.

James N. Long grew up at Cokeville and received his education in the public schools. He was graduated from Blairsville High School in

1917 and immediately volunteered for service in the World War. He was sent to Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, and later to Ft. Myers, Virginia. He served in France with the Three Hundred and Eighth Infantry, Seventy-seventh Division. After his discharge from the army Mr. Long entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Blairsville in the capacity of accident and record clerk. In March, 1921, he went with the G. C. Murphy Company at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, and from there to Tarentum, Pennsylvania, and Kittanning. In September, 1922, he entered the employ of the First National Bank of Pittsburgh, where he remained until January, 1924. From there he went to the Tarentum Savings & Trust Company. Mr. Long has been cashier of the First National Bank of Bruin since February, 1926.

Politically, Mr. Long is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the American Legion. Mr. Long is unmarried.

J. A. Fennell, of Fenelton, is one of Butler County's most prominent business men and leading citizens. He was born at Fenelton, October 16, 1877, and is the son of W. S. and Elizabeth Jane (Smith) Fennell.

W. S. Fennell has spent his entire life at Fenelton and is now living retired. His wife was born in Buffalo Township, Butler County, and died November 5, 1919. To Mr. and Mrs. Fennell were born seven children, as follows: J. A., the subject of this sketch; Myrtle, married M. A. Dowsmith; Lydia, married H. L. Swartlander, lives at Fenelton; Chester; Sadie; P. G.; and Anna.

J. A. Fennell spent his boyhood at Fenelton and received his education in the schools here. He then became interested in oil production and for many years was located in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Ohio. About 1912 he returned to Fenelton and spent the following six years in the oil business here. He was then made superintendent of the Fenelton Coal Company, in which capacity he served until 1924. Mr. Fennell is still a director of the company.

On December 28, 1910, Mr. Fennell was married to Miss Margaret Lydia Elkin, of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Henry Elkin. They have three children: Nellie M., Victor A., and Alta M.

Mr. Fennell is a Republican and his grandfather, Peter Fennell, was the first man to cast a Republican vote in Butler County. Mr. Fennell is active in local politics and is well known in the community. He holds membership in the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

James Fennell, of Fenelton, is well known in Butler County both as a successful business man and as an excellent citizen. He was born near Fenelton, September 30, 1867, and is the son of Abraham and Margaret Jane (Toy) Fennell.

Abraham Fennell, deceased, was a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and an early settler of Butler County. He was a farmer and spent many years near Fenelton, where he died in 1890. His wife died in 1923. To Mr. and Mrs. Fennell were born the following children: William, Joseph, Jacob, Abraham, James, Henry, Franklin, Sarah, Catherine, Molly, Elizabeth, and Ella.

After completing his schooling, James Fennell immediately became interested in oil production and was thus engaged until 1918, when the Fenelton Coal Company was organized. He has since been connected with the corporation as a member of the board of directors.

Mr. Fennell married Miss Anna Gallagher and they have five children: Clarence, Lilly, Grace, Elizabeth, and Mildred.

Mr. Fennell is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church.

Marcus Stillwagon, a progressive and well known citizen of Bruin, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Connellsville, July 26, 1891, and is the son of Clair and Rose (Hanly) Stillwagon.

Clair Stillwagon, deceased, was a leading business man of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, for many years, where he was interested in the coal business. He died in 1910 and his widow, who was born in Scotland, now resides at Connellsville. To Mr. and Mrs. Stillwagon were born nine children: Bernard, Marcus, Marie, Madeline, Gertrude, William, Alphonse, Dorothy, and Rosella.

After completing his schooling in the public and high schools of Connellsville, Marcus Stillwagon was associated in the coal business with his father until 1914. He then became traveling auditor for the Western Allegheny Railroad Company, and served in that capacity until 1918, when he entered the employ of the Butler County Oil Company.

In 1909 Mr. Stillwagon was united in marriage with Miss Mary Harriet Smith, the daughter of William and Rose (Cummings) Smith, of Rutland, Vermont. They are the parents of seven children, as follows: Bernard, Rose Mary, Marcus, Jr., Harriet, John, Ilene, and Madeline.

Mr. Stillwagon is a Republican, a member of St. James Catholic Church of Petrolia, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, third degree, Butler. He and his family have a wide acquaintance and are well liked in the community.

Hon. J. A. Cross, president of the First National Bank of Bruin, is one of Butler County's most prominent business men and highly esteemed citizens, and is serving his second term as a member of the House of Representatives from this district. Mr. Cross was born in Neosho County, Kansas, February 16, 1872, and is the son of Daniel McLean and Sarah Jane (Black) Cross.

Daniel McLean Cross, deceased, was a native of Butler County, born at Slippery Rock. He served throughout the Civil War. He died January 8, 1898. Mr. Cross was a teacher in the schools of Harrisville and Clintonville and was a well known educator of this county. He spent seven years in Kansas, but lived in Butler County the remainder of his life. His wife, born at Harrisville, Pennsylvania, is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Cross the following children were born: Alice, married Theodore Smith, lives in Marion Township, Butler County; Nannie, married James Adams, lives at Prospect, Pennsylvania; Carrie and Phemie, both deceased; Henry, lives at Bruin; and J. A., the subject of this sketch.

J. A. Cross received his early education in the schools of Butler County, under his father's instruction. At an early age he became

interested in oil production and for many years has been one of the leading oil producers of the state, at present being interested in fifty-two producing oil wells. He has been a resident of Bruin since 1901 and is very well liked in the community.

On October 18, 1899, Mr. Cross was united in marriage with Miss Eva Campbell, of Concord Township, Butler County, the daughter of James E. and Lilla (Donaldson) Campbell, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Cross six children were born, as follows: Merle, lives at Bruin, married Mary Snyder, of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John Snyder, and they have a son, Gordon; Algy, Cecil, Anita, Wendell, and Lillian, all at home.

Mr. Cross has always been a Republican and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is active in church work and for many years has taught a Bible class. He is the author of "The Bible Class and the Community," which was published in 1923. Mr. Cross was for many years manager of the Bruin Baseball Club, during the years when Rube Waddell was a pitcher on the local team.

Merle W. Cross is a progressive and enterprising young business man of Bruin, where he is identified with the Butler County Oil Company as a chemist. He was born in Fairview Township, Butler County, July 28, 1900, and is the son of Hon. J. A. and Eva (Campbell) Cross, a complete sketch of whom appears in this history.

Merle W. Cross attended the public and high schools of Bruin and in 1922 was graduated from Grove City College. He has since been connected with the Butler County Oil Company, of which his father is a stockholder.

Mr. Cross was married on September 19, 1924, to Miss Mary Snyder, of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of J. W. and Olive (Logan) Snyder. They have a son, Gordon.

Politically, Mr. Cross is identified with the Republican party and he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the American Chemical Society.

Joseph T. Kessler, who is identified with the Butler County Oil Company, is a leading citizen of Bruin. He was born in Philadelphia, October 16, 1860, and is the son of William A. and Barbara Kessler.

William A. Kessler, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was about twenty years of age when he emigrated to the United States and settled in New York. Later, he removed to Philadelphia, and from there went to Missouri, and later to Ohio. He was interested in the woolen business and practically his entire life was a traveling salesman. He spent the last few years of his life in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, and was a resident of Loretto. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kessler had six children, as follows: Mary Frances, married H. C. Litzmer, lives at Chicora; Joseph T., the subject of this sketch; Kate, Emma, and W. A., who reside in Homestead, Allegheny County.

Joseph T. Kessler received his schooling at Loretto, Pennsylvania, and also attended St. Francis College at that place. He then became interested in the grocery business at Chicora, and for forty years was associated with H. C. Litzmer. Mr. Kessler has lived at Bruin since 1911, and since that time has been connected with the shipping department of the Butler County Oil Company.

Mr. Kessler is a member of the Catholic Church at Chicora. He is unmarried.

Frank Helfrick, of the Bruin Motor Company, is a reliable and well known young business man of Bruin and Butler County. He was born at Bruin, January 27, 1896, and is the son of John George and Anna (Odelower) Helfrick.

John George Helfrick was born in Germany. He was about twenty-eight years old when he emigrated to this country and settled at Bruin, where he became well known as an oil producer. He died in 1922 and his widow, also a native of Germany, still resides at Bruin. To Mr. and Mrs. Helfrick were born four children: Emma; George; Mary; and Frank, the subject of this sketch.

Frank Helfrick grew up at Bruin and received his education in the public and high schools here. He then was interested in oil pro-

duction with his father until 1916, when he established a garage. In 1921 he became identified with the Bruin Motor Company, dealers for the Ford automobiles, and later the Star automobiles, and now has the Chevrolet, having discontinued the Ford and Star cars. They are also dealers in automobile accessories and have an up-to-date repair shop.

Mr. Helfrick was married to Miss Margaret Michaels, of Bruin, the daughter of Bert and Myra (Story) Michaels. They reside in Bruin. Mr. and Mrs. Helfrick have had five children, as follows: Kathryn; William; Donald Dewitt and Helen Marie, both deceased; and Richard, at home.

Mr. Helfrick is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, third degree, Butler, and Isaac Walton League of America.

E. E. Leopold is among the highly esteemed business men and well known residents of Chicora, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born at Mercer, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1872, and is the son of H. A. and Catherine (Shaffer) Leopold.

H. A. Leopold, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Germany and was sixteen years old when he emigrated to the United States. He was a soldier for eight years and sailed around the world. He then located in Boston until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he volunteered for service and served throughout the war period with the First Massachusetts Cavalry. He then came to Oil Creek, Pennsylvania, and was interested in the oil fields of western Pennsylvania until 1884, at which time he took over management of the Chicora Water Company. He was actively connected with this concern until his death, which occurred in 1918. His wife, a native of Venango County, Pennsylvania, died in May, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Leopold had three sons: H. A., lives in Salina, Kansas; E. E., the subject of this sketch; and Frank, who died in 1906.

E. E. Leopold grew up at Chicora and attended the schools here. At an early age he entered the water works and with the exception of five years, which were spent in the oil fields of West Virginia, Mr.

Leopold has devoted his entire time to the management and operation of the Chicora Water Company. Since 1918 he and his brother, H. A. Leopold, have had entire management of the business.

On October 17, 1900, Mr. Leopold was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Bernard, of Chicora, the daughter of John and Jane (Decort) Bernard. Mr. Bernard was born in France in 1833 and came to the United States in 1864. He settled in Pennsylvania, where he was interested in the coal industry for many years. He died in 1917 and his wife, a native of Belgium, died in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard had the following children: Mary, John, Margaret, Elizabeth, Patrick, William, Daisy, Josephine, Catherine, Jennie, Charles and Clara. To E. E. and Elizabeth (Bernard) Leopold were born two children: Victor, lives at Reading, Pennsylvania; and Pauline, at home.

Mr. Leopold is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

R. H. Campbell is a successful business man and highly esteemed citizen of Chicora. He was born here, October 22, 1885, and is the son of W. W. and Rose (Smith) Campbell.

W. W. Campbell, retired, was for many years a leading business man of Chicora. He was born in Fairview Township, Butler County, and in 1857 established the business, which is now conducted by his son. Mr. Campbell retired from active business in 1924, but still maintains his residence at Chicora. His wife was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have five children, as follows: Sarah, married J. O. Meyers, lives at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; R. H., the subject of this sketch; Charles, lives at Carnegie, Pennsylvania; Austin, lives at Butler, Pennsylvania; Mildred, married Joseph McKenzie, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; and Alberta, lives at home.

R. H. Campbell attended the public and high schools of Chicora and was also graduated from Butler Business College. He then worked in his father's store and has since been associated with this well known business. In 1923 Mr. Campbell made Joseph McKenzie a

partner in the business. They are extensive dealers in groceries, flour and feed.

In 1908 Mr. Campbell married Miss Mabel Martin, the daughter of W. P. and Elizabeth Jane (Barron) Martin, of Butler County, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have four children: Russell, Elizabeth Rose, Eugene, and Joy.

Mr. Campbell is a Republican and holds membership in the English Lutheran Church. He has served as secretary of Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 947 for the past six years and is prominent in local affairs.

Dr. E. LeRoy McCandless. Ranking high among the prominent physicians and surgeons of Butler County is Doctor McCandless, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at West Sunbury. He was born at Cooperstown, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1884, and is the son of Dr. W. C. and Catherine (Grubbs) McCandless.

Dr. W. C. McCandless is a leading physician and surgeon of Butler, where he has lived practically his entire life. His first wife, Catherine (Grubbs) McCandless, a native of Butler County, died in 1888, leaving the following children: Merle, a druggist, lives at Butler; E. LeRoy, the subject of this sketch; Erla, married L. W. Degast, lives at Washington, District of Columbia. Doctor McCandless later married Miss Lulu Marks, of Butler, and to them were born three children: Paul, lives in Pittsburgh; Ruth, married David Thompson, lives in Butler; and Marks, lives in Butler.

E. LeRoy McCandless received his early education in the public schools of Butler and then attended Bellefonte Academy. He was later graduated from Pennsylvania State College and in 1910 received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Doctor McCandless served as interne at University Hospital, Philadelphia, and then engaged in private practice at Renfrew, Pennsylvania, where he remained for seven years. He has been located at West Sunbury since 1919 and is well known in this section as a capable man in his profession.

On October 23, 1907, Doctor McCandless was united in marriage with Miss Ethel M. McGary, of Butler, the daughter of J. A. and

Elizabeth (Shaner) McGary. Mr. McGary died December 17, 1926, and his widow lives in Butler. To Doctor and Mrs. McCandless have been born five children: Elizabeth, Ruth, William, Catherine, and Martha Jane.

Doctor McCandless is identified with the Butler County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Vincent A. McShane is a well known business man of Butler. He was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a son of James M. and Ellen (McGinley) McShane.

James M. McShane, deceased, lived all his life in Pittsburgh, where he was engaged in the printing business. He died in 1897, and his wife died November 5, 1923. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Edward, lives at Butler; John, deceased; Vincent A., the subject of this sketch; Margaret, deceased; Albert, deceased; and Mary, lives in Butler.

Vincent A. McShane attended the university at Ottawa, Canada, and the public schools of North Oakland, Pennsylvania, and Butler, also the Divener School at North Oakland. After finishing school he began his business career with the U. S. Steel Corporation and the Standard Manufacturing Company of Pittsburgh. He is now living retired at 245 West Pearl Street, Butler.

During the World War Mr. McShane enlisted for service and served as Knights of Columbus secretary overseas for nine months at the University of Beaune, France. At first Mr. McShane had charge of one hut, later was in charge of several, and was eventually placed in charge of the entire University of Beaune District.

Mr. McShane was secretary of the B. P. O. Elks of Butler for four years and now holds the office as exalted ruler; is past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, Butler, and is now holding the office of faithful navigator of the fourth degree Knights of Columbus. In 1926 Mr. McShane was one of eight men elected as delegates to the



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supreme convention of the Knights of Columbus from the state of Pennsylvania. He was also appointed in 1926 a director of the Butler County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He has taken an active part in the movement of the Boy Scouts and organized a troop of Boy Scouts in the Knights of Columbus. Mr. McShane is a Democrat, a member of the Sterling Club and St. Paul's Catholic Church. He is at the present time serving as assessor of the Fifth Ward, Butler.

Peter F. Fugini, who is successfully engaged in the automobile business at Chicora as manager of the Etna Garage, is a progressive young business men of Butler County. He was born at Martara, Italy, November 9, 1895, and is the son of Louis and Rose (Moro) Fugini.

Louis Fugini, retired, has spent most of his life in Italy, and during his active career was a farmer. His wife was also born in Italy. To Mr. and Mrs. Fugini three sons were born: Peter F., the subject of this sketch; John, lives at Chicora; and Carl, lives in Italy.

After completing his schooling, Peter F. Fugini emigrated to the United States in 1912 and settled at Dubois, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the coal mines. He then removed to Chicora after two years, and later went to Pittsburgh. During the World War Mr. Fugini enlisted June 24, 1918, at Pittsburgh, and was sent to Camp Lee, Virginia, where he served as bandmaster of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Infantry, Depot Brigade. He was prominent in all army musical entertainments throughout the war period and following the close of the war became interested in vaudeville work as a musician. Since April, 1921, Mr. Fugini has lived at Chicora, where he is well known as a reliable business man.

On October 2, 1919, Mr. Fugini was united in marriage with Miss Marie Josephine Piccola, of Chicora, the daughter of Louis and Angelina (Comai) Piccola. They have the following children: Louis, Christina, Rudolph, Theresa, Frank, Elvira, and Anna.

Mr. Fugini is a Republican, a member of Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. He is post commander of American Legion Post No. 642, Chicora.

Joseph McKenzie. Ranking high among the dependable business men of Chicora is Joseph McKenzie, who is associated with the firm of Campbell & McKenzie, grocers and dealers in flour and feed. He was born in Penn Township, Butler County, June 29, 1900, and is the son of Joseph and Lulu (Powell) McKenzie.

Joseph McKenzie, deceased, spent practically his entire life in Butler County, and was interested in the oil fields of this section. He died in February, 1908. His widow, a native of Concord Township, Butler County, now resides in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie were born five children: Homer C., lives at Blackburn Station, Butler County; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; William, lives at home; Luzetta and Bertha, both at home.

Joseph McKenzie grew up in Butler County and received his education in the district schools. He left school at an early age and worked in the oil fields of McKeesport and Butler until 1925, when he became associated with R. H. Campbell, of Chicora.

On December 26, 1924, Mr. McKenzie was united in marriage with Miss Mildred Campbell, the daughter of W. W. and Rose (Smith) Campbell. They have a daughter, Rose Mary.

Mr. McKenzie is a Republican, a member of the English Lutheran Church, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Malta. Both he and his wife have a wide circle of friends in the community, where they have spent their entire lives.

Ernest E. Sutton, who is connected with the Bruin Motor Company, is an enterprising and successful young business man of Butler County. He was born at Bruin, February 28, 1900, and is the son of T. D. and Mina (McNaughton) Sutton.

T. D. Sutton is well known among the leading oil producers of Butler County, being the owner of sixteen producing wells in this district. He was born at Bruin, as was also his wife, and they have always lived here. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton are the parents of ten children, as follows: Eva, married W. B. Speer, lives at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania; Verda, married William R. Nelson, lives at Detroit, Michigan; Bertha, married W. J. Meeder, lives at Zelienople, Penn-

sylvania; Ernest E., the subject of this sketch; Margaret, Charlotte, Eleanor, Harold, Paul, and James, all at home.

After completing his early schooling at Bruin, Ernest E. Sutton attended Butler Business College. He was then connected with the Bruin Coal Company for five years, and was afterward landscape engineer at Lansing, Michigan. In 1926 Mr. Sutton became associated with the Bruin Motor Company and is half owner of this up-to-date automobile agency.

Mr. Sutton is a Republican, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Elks Lodge. He is unmarried.

Dr. William Victor McCarrier, of West Sunbury, is an enterprising and successful young dentist of Butler County. He was born at West Sunbury, December 22, 1903, and is the son of William D. and Bessie (Wick) McCarrier.

William D. McCarrier is a prominent oil producer of Butler County and for many years has been interested in the fields of West Sunbury and vicinity. His wife is also a native of Butler County. Mr. and Mrs. McCarrier have two children: William Victor, the subject of this sketch; and Ruth, a teacher, lives at home.

William Victor McCarrier spent his boyhood at West Sunbury and after completing his preliminary education there he took up the study of dentistry at the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received his degree in 1926. He has since been located at West Sunbury.

Politically, Doctor McCarrier is a Republican, and he holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. He is unmarried.

Arthur Wick, successful hardware merchant of West Sunbury, is a native of Butler County. He was born at Petersville, January 10, 1891, and is the son of A. C. and Rachael (McCall) Wick.

A. C. Wick, deceased, was a native of West Sunbury, and spent his life on a farm in this county. He died December 9, 1925, and his

widow, also a native of Butler County, resides at West Sunbury. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wick: Fannie, lives at West Sunbury; Roy, lives at West Sunbury; F. B., lives in Pittsburgh; and Arthur, the subject of this sketch.

Arthur Wick acquired his education in the district schools and also attended West Sunbury Academy. He then farmed on the home place with his father until 1916, at which time he purchased the hardware business, which had been established in 1860 by Rhodes & Pryor, prominent pioneers of this section.

On October 20, 1920, Mr. Wick was united in marriage with Miss Edith Cochran, of Hooker, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Frank A. and Elizabeth (Cumberland) Cochran. They have two children: Robert Arthur and Ruth Arlene.

Mr. Wick is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Both he and his wife have a wide acquaintance in the community.

B. B. Breaden, who conducts a general mercantile business at West Sunbury, is a substantial citizen of Butler County and a member of one of the oldest families in this section. He was born at West Sunbury, May 8, 1877, and is the son of W. J. and Margaret (Linn) Breaden.

W. J. Breaden, deceased, was a native of Clay Township, Butler County. He always lived in this county and in 1870 established the business at West Sunbury, which is now operated by his son. Mr. Breaden was a director of the Butler County Savings & Trust Company at Butler. He died February 24, 1926, and his wife, also a native of Butler County, died June 13, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Breaden had three sons: W. Linn, deceased; B. B., the subject of this sketch; and Charles DeWitt, who lives at Butler, where he is connected with the Butler County Savings & Trust Company. A complete sketch of him appears in this volume.

B. B. Breaden received his education in the old West Sunbury Academy and at an early age became associated with his father's business. Since the latter's death Mr. Breaden has conducted the business alone.

On June 30, 1903, Mr. Breaden was united in marriage with Miss Martha Jane Kennedy, of Portersville, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Christie) Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy is deceased and his widow lives at Portersville, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Breaden have three children: William K., Margaret Elizabeth and Martha Jane.

Mr. Breaden has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the community in which he lives. He is a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

H. P. Hilliard, one of the enterprising merchants of Harrisville, is a native of Butler County. He was born in Washington Township, August 7, 1885, and is the son of I. Newton and Sarah (Hutchinson) Hilliard.

I. Newton Hilliard, who lives retired at West Sunbury, Pennsylvania, has spent his entire life in Butler County. He was born in Washington Township, and for a number of years was extensively engaged in general farming. He later conducted a retail meat business at Boyers, Pennsylvania. His wife was born in Cherry Township, Butler County, and died in 1899. To Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard were born four children: Twila, married C. C. Seaton, lives in Erie County, Pennsylvania; J. M., lives at Harrisville; H. P., the subject of this sketch; and Jay, lives at Forrestville, Pennsylvania.

After completing his schooling in the district schools of Marion and Washington townships, H. P. Hilliard entered the employ of the Goff-Kirby Coal Company in Venango Township, Butler County, and was connected with this concern for ten years as shipping clerk. In 1911 he engaged in the meat business at Boyers and purchased his father's business at that place. In 1923 Mr. Hilliard removed to Harrisville, where he conducts an extensive retail meat business.

Mr. Hilliard was married on September 3, 1913, to Miss Estella Jack, of Boyers, the daughter of William and Catherine (Bell) Jack, both deceased. They have no children.

Mr. Hilliard is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He and his wife are well known throughout Butler County and have a wide circle of friends.

James A. Murrin, of Murrinsville, is among the prosperous farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Butler County. He was born in Marion Township, Butler County, May 1, 1855, and is the son of Hugh and Jane (Gormley) Murrin.

Hugh Murrin, deceased, was a native of Venango Township, Butler County. He always lived on a farm and remained in this county during his entire life. He died in 1885 and his wife, who was born in Ireland, died in 1883. To Mr. and Mrs. Murrin the following children were born: Elizabeth, deceased; John F., deceased; Anna, deceased, was the wife of M. F. Higgins; Harry, deceased; James A., the subject of this sketch; Josephine L., C. G., and Catherine, all live at Murrinsville; and Matilda, deceased.

James A. Murrin grew up on his father's farm in Marion Township and attended the district schools. He later attended Grove City College. Mr. Murrin began his business career in the lumber business at Murrinsville, and later became interested in the oil fields of Butler County as a producer. He was thus engaged until about 1913, at which time he retired from active business and purchased his present farm of 350 acres, which is located near Murrinsville.

Mr. Murrin has always been a Democrat and he holds membership in the Catholic Church. He is unmarried.

Dr. Francis E. DeLong is a leading physician and surgeon of Butler County, having engaged in the practice of his profession at Boyers for almost twenty years. He was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1880, and is the son of James and Ida (Hottenstein) DeLong.

James DeLong, deceased, was a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, where he spent most of his life as a farmer. He died in 1918, and his widow resides at Bowers Station, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. DeLong had the following children: Sallie, married Rev. I. Z. Fenstermacher, lives at Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Florence, married Dr. Milton Phillips, a physician, lives at Chapmans Quarries, Pennsylvania; Francis E., the subject of this sketch; Mabel, deceased; Beulah, married Edgar Fidler, lives at Wommelsdorf, Pennsylvania; Deborah,

married William Beaver, lives at Philadelphia; Dr. Paul, a dentist, lives at Allentown, Pennsylvania; and Raymond, lives on the old homestead in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Francis E. DeLong attended the public schools of Berks County and is a graduate of Keystone State Normal School and Franklin College. He received his degree as Doctor of Medicine from Medico-Chirurgical College at Philadelphia in 1906, and spent the following year as an interne at the Garretstown Hospital in Philadelphia and the South Side Hospital, Pittsburgh. Early in 1908 Doctor DeLong established his practice at Boyers, where he has met with marked success.

On August 21, 1907, Doctor DeLong was united in marriage with Miss Emma Jane Stoffel, of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John and Mary (Wedell) Stoffel. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Ambridge. To Doctor and Mrs. DeLong a son, Richard F., was born, July 7, 1910.

Doctor DeLong is identified with the Butler County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is a Republican. Doctor DeLong is prominent in the business affairs of Butler County and is a director of the Boyers State Bank.

I. J. Oesterling is one of the enterprising and successful young business men of Zelienople, where he is assistant manager of the Herman Pneumatic Machine Company. He was born in Butler County, February 7, 1890, and is the son of George and Anna (Schenck) Oesterling.

George Oesterling, who has spent his entire life in Butler County, is a native of Summit Township. He is a leading building contractor of this section and resides in Butler Township. His wife is also a native of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Oesterling are the parents of six children, of whom I. J., the subject of this sketch, is the second in order of birth.

After completing his schooling in Butler, I. J. Oesterling learned the machinist trade and lived at Wilmerding, Pennsylvania, for some

time. He later took up mechanical engineering work and since 1918 has been a resident of Zelienople, where he is identified with the Herman Pneumatic Machine Company.

On September 2, 1914, Mr. Oesterling was united in marriage with Miss Laura Krummell, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Charles R. and Sophia Krummel. They have a daughter, Mary Louise, born in 1922.

Mr. Oesterling is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and both he and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of McKeesport. They have a wide acquaintance in Zelienople and are well liked.

Henry Kloffensteen, president of the First National Bank of Zelienople, Pennsylvania, was born in Harmony, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1872, the son of Frederick and Louisa (Zimmer) Kloffensteen.

Frederick Kloffensteen was born in Germany and came to the United States with his parents when he was six years of age. The family located first in Toledo, Ohio, later going to Pennsylvania, where Mr. Kloffensteen's father was engaged in the distillery business. After his death Frederick Kloffensteen took over the business and was also engaged in other business enterprises. Mr. Kloffensteen died in 1894, aged sixty-seven years, and is buried in Zelienople. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His widow, Louisa (Zimmer) Kloffensteen, was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, and is now residing with her daughter at Zelienople. She is eighty-six years of age and enjoys excellent health. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kloffensteen: John, lives at Harmony; Barbara, Zelienople; Henry, the subject of this sketch; William, Zelienople; Frederick, died at the age of sixty-two, buried in Pittsburgh; Ida, died at the age of thirty-one years, buried in Zelienople; and Louisa, the wife of Harry Brenner, died at the age of 62, buried at Zelienople.

Henry Kloffensteen was educated in the public schools of Harmony, Grove City College, and Curry University, Pittsburgh. He then taught school for three years at Harmony, after which he was associated with the firm of A. Seaton & Son, hardwood dealers of Zelienople, where he had charge of the office. Mr. Kloffensteen be-

came associated with the First National Bank when it was organized in 1902, and served as bookkeeper, assistant cashier, cashier, and finally was made president of the bank, which position he has held since 1923.

On November 1, 1911, Mr. Kloffensteen was married to Miss Jessie May Nicklas of Evans City, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Philip and Mary S. (Gruver) Nicklas. Mr. Nicklas is deceased and his widow resides at Evans City. Mrs. Kloffensteen is a graduate of Evans City High School, and received her musical education at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland. She is a member of the Eastern Star, Grace Reform Church, and was organist of that church at Harmony. The Kloffensteen home is located on Grandview Avenue, Zelienople.

Mr. Kloffensteen has served as secretary of the Masonic Lodge of Zelienople for the past twenty-seven years, and is a member of the Shrine and Syria Temple of Pittsburgh. He is treasurer of the Zelienople and Harmony school boards. For a number of years he was also secretary of the Harmony Council. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has been a teacher of the Men's Bible Class for many years. Mr. Kloffensteen has an extensive acquaintance in Butler County and stands high in the community.

Leo Finegan is a prominent business man of Zelienople, where he is general manager of the Premier Stay Bolt Manufacturing Company. He was born at Chico, California, August 19, 1878, and is the son of Patrick and Anna (McCoy) Finegan.

Patrick Finegan was born at Plattsburg, New York, in 1831. He spent most of his life in the West and was a mining contractor. He died in 1919. Mr. Finegan was a Republican and a member of the Catholic Church. His wife was born in Ireland and was nine years old when her parents emigrated to this country and settled in California. She is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Finegan seven children were born, of whom Leo, the subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

Leo Finegan spent his boyhood in California and was educated there. He learned the machinist trade at Butte, Montana, and after

three years went to Chicago, Illinois, where he was employed. Later, he went with the Westinghouse Electric Company in Pittsburgh, and from there to the plant at Schenectady, New York. Mr. Finegan was later employed in the shops of the New York Central Railroad at West Albany, New York, and Springfield, Massachusetts, and then served as general foreman of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad shops, and later as master mechanic. He resigned from this position in 1920 to accept his present office as general manager of the Premier Stay Bolt Manufacturing Company at Zelienople.

On July 2, 1921, Mr. Finegan was married to Miss Emma Baker, of Pittsburgh. They have a daughter, Geraldine, who is the wife of Harry Groose, and they reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Finegan is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Catholic Church. He is affiliated with the Elks Lodge, and belongs to the Pittsburgh Athletic Club and Baltimore Yacht Club. He is identified with the American Association of Mechanical Engineers.

E. P. Young, who is successfully engaged in the furniture business at Zelienople, ranks high among the representative business men of Butler County. He was born on a farm in Connoquenessing Township, Butler County, and is the son of Charles and Mary (Frishkorn) Young.

Charles Young, retired, has spent his entire life in Butler County. He was born in Connoquenessing Township, and until his retirement was a prosperous farmer of that section. He now resides at Zelienople. Mr. and Mrs. Young have three children: E. P., the subject of this sketch; Harry, lives in Texas; and Mrs. O. W. Luek, lives at Zelienople.

After completing his schooling, E. P. Young took a business course at the Butler Business College and began his business career as secretary to Hon. M. L. Lockwood. He went to West Virginia after three years and became interested in the coal business there. Later, Mr. Young traveled extensively throughout Mexico, Cuba and the Isle of Pines, and upon his return to Zelienople in 1904 he was appointed cashier of the newly organized Peoples National Bank. In

1916 Mr. Young purchased the furniture business which he now conducts, and which is known as the Zehner Furniture Company. It is one of the city's largest business houses.

On September 6, 1904, Mr. Young was united in marriage with Miss Maidie Hysell, of Pomeroy, Ohio, the daughter of Elias Hysell. Mr. and Mrs. Young have three sons: Charles E. and Roy S., both at Kirksville, Missouri, where they are studying osteopathy; and Edward P., lives at home.

Mr. Young has always taken an active part in local politics and has served as auditor and treasurer of the borough as well as president of the school board. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Rotary Club, and Elwood Country Club.

S. A. Weigel, agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Zelienople, is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born at New Brighton, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1869, and is the son of John and Elizabeth (Umstead) Weigel.

John Weigel was born at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1839. He was a blacksmith by trade and for many years owned a well patronized shop at Zelienople. He died in 1912 and his wife, who was born at Harmony, Pennsylvania, in 1839, died in 1915. Both are buried at Zelienople. To Mr. and Mrs. Weigel were born six children: F. S., lives at Coraopolis, Pennsylvania; S. A., the subject of this sketch; Bessie D., deceased, the wife of F. E. Eichholtz; Ralph J., lives at Rochester, New York; Edith M. Hibbs, lives at Highland, Pennsylvania; and one child died in infancy.

S. A. Weigel was seventeen years of age when he entered the employ of the Pittsburgh & Western Railroad Company as a telegraph operator. He was later connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as agent at Foxburg, Pennsylvania, and since about 1910 has been with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company at Zelienople.

On December 25, 1910, Mr. Weigel was united in marriage with Miss Nettie J. Ifft, the daughter of John and Sophie Ifft, both deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Weigel have three children: Helen E., a teacher, lives at home; Mildred E., married Dr. Robert F. Dennis, lives at Freeport, Pennsylvania; and Samuel A., Jr., attends Zelienople High School.

Politically Mr. Weigel is a Republican, and he has served as school director for the past fifteen years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Weigel is greatly interested in Indian relics and has a splendid collection of thousands of arrows, hatchets, and other specimens of Indian warfare. He is identified with the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

Dr. Robert Edgar Gallagher, who has engaged in the practice of dentistry at Zelienople for the past twenty-one years, is a prominent citizen of Butler County. He was born in Worth Township, Butler County, October 14, 1865, and is the son of William and Sophia Cornelia (Coulson) Gallagher.

William Gallagher, deceased, was a native of Butler County. He was born in Muddy Creek Township and followed general farming and stock raising during his entire life. He was the son of James Gallagher, who was the son of John Gallagher, of County Down, Ireland. The Gallagher family emigrated to this country at an early date and settled in Butler County. William Gallagher died in 1870 and his wife, a native of Butler County, died in 1911. Mr. Gallagher is buried in the Zion Cemetery, Worth Township, and his wife is buried in the English Lutheran Cemetery at Zelienople, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher the following children were born: James A., born November 30, 1859, died November 5, 1898; John C., born November 28, 1861, lives in Lancaster Township, Butler County; Hannah, born October 14, 1863, died May 14, 1925, was the wife of Harry M. Libengood, Akron, Ohio; Stella, born August 19, 1867, died in May, 1912, was the wife of Lewis Smith, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Dr. Robert Edgar, the subject of this sketch; and Malissa, born January 11, 1870, the widow of John A. Kelly, lives at Zelienople, Pennsylvania.

Robert Edgar Gallagher grew up in Worth Township and attended the district schools. He later was enrolled at Witherspoon Institute and before taking up the study of dentistry he taught in the schools

of Butler County. He then attended the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery at Philadelphia and received his degree in 1898. He spent the following seven years in practice in that city before locating in Zelienople in 1905. Doctor Gallagher is well established and is an excellent citizen of the community.

On June 21, 1921, Doctor Gallagher was united in marriage with Miss Altha Edna Endres, the daughter of Jacob Endres, who lives retired at Zelienople. Doctor and Mrs. Gallagher have no children. Mrs. Gallagher is a graduate of Slippery Rock State Normal School and before her marriage was a teacher in the county schools. She is active in the Women's Community Club.

Doctor Gallagher is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church, while his wife holds membership in the English Lutheran Church. He is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, Knights of Pythias, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Rotary Club and served as president from April, 1925, to July, 1926.

J. G. Glenn, mortician, is among the prominent and reliable young business men of Zelienople. He was born at Portersville, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1897, and is the son of M. C. and Hannah (Cooper) Glenn.

M. C. Glenn is a native of Butler County, Pennsylvania, and during his entire business career has been interested in the undertaking business. He is now located at Prospect, Pennsylvania. His wife was born in Worth Township, Butler County, and died in June, 1922, at the age of 62 years. She is buried at Portersville. To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn the following children were born: Lucy, married William Myers, lives at Zelienople; Margaret, married L. V. Kennedy, lives at Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; Robert H., lives at Union City, Pennsylvania; Susan, married L. W. Stickel, lives in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Robert Lowery, lives at Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; J. G., the subject of this sketch; and Anna, married George Pyle, lives at Prospect, Pennsylvania.

After completing his early schooling at Portersville, J. G. Glenn entered the Eckles School of Embalming at Philadelphia, and was

associated in business with his father until 1922, at which time he located at Zelienople. He still maintains an interest in the business at Portersville.

Mr. Glenn married Miss Helen K. Reinhardt, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, the daughter of August Reinhardt. They have a son, Robert Carl, born February 12, 1922.

Mr. Glenn holds membership in the Presbyterian church and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Charles Wesley White, superintendent of the Orphans Home and Farm School at Zelienople, is a prominent and widely known citizen of Butler County. He was born in Pittsburgh, March 28, 1878, and is the son of Joseph and Catherine (Pritchard) White.

Joseph White was born in England, as was his wife. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. White came to the United States and settled in Chicago, Illinois, where they remained until 1871, when they removed to Pittsburgh. Both Mr. and Mrs. White died many years ago, leaving Charles Wesley an orphan when he was a boy of ten years. Another child, Mrs. W. J. Price, now resides in Dallas, Texas.

After the death of his parents, Charles Wesley White was brought to the Orphans Home at Zelienople, where he spent ten years. He then entered college and received his degree in 1903. He attended the Theological Seminary at Chicago, Illinois, and completed his work there in 1906. He spent the following two years as pastor of the Elida and Lafayette, Ohio, Lutheran churches. In January, 1909, he accepted the position of superintendent of the orphans' home where he had spent his boyhood. It is an English Lutheran institution.

On October 12, 1909, Mr. White married Elizabeth M. Ash of Ada, Ohio, the daughter of George and Lydia (Asire) Ash, natives of Switzerland and Ohio, respectively. They live at Ada, Ohio.

Mrs. White graduated from the Ada (Ohio) High School and attended Ohio Northern University two years. She then taught school for four years in Ohio. To Charles W. White and wife were born three children, as follows: Lydia Catherine, born May 6, 1912; Ruth Elizabeth, born August 3, 1915; and Charles Wesley, Jr., born August 16, 1918.

Verner F. Eichholtz, the capable young postmaster of Zelienople, is a member of one of Butler County's oldest families. He was born at Zelienople, July 8, 1900, and is the son of Frank Edward and Bessie D. (Weigel) Eichholtz.

Frank Edward Eichholtz was born in Franklin Township, Beaver County. He located at Zelienople and was in the farm implement business at that place for several years. Due to ill health he was forced to give up his business interests and he died in New Mexico in 1901. His wife died shortly afterward at the age of 27 years. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Weigel, well known residents of Zelienople. Mr. and Mrs. Eichholtz left an only child, Verner F., the subject of this sketch.

Verner F. Eichholtz attended the public and high schools of Zelienople and when 17 years of age he ran away from home to enlist for service in the World War. He enlisted August 23, 1917, and was sent to France with the First Depot Battalion Signal Corps Regiment. Mr. Eichholtz participated in many important battles and drives of the war and was severely wounded during the battle of the Marne, August 10, 1918. He was discharged at Camp Sherman, Ohio, March 15, 1919, and upon his return to Zelienople entered the employ of the National Tube Company as a time keeper. On August 10 he graduated from the School of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh and on August 20, 1923, was appointed postmaster of Zelienople, which office he now holds. In 1924 Mr. Eichholtz engaged in the real estate business and in August of that year Mr. W. Roy Smith and Mr. Eichholtz became interested in the insurance business together. They have offices in the Peoples Bank Building.

On September 4, 1924, Mr. Eichholtz married Miss Ruth Elizabeth Varner, the daughter of William and Mary Varner, of Clarksburg, W. Va.

Mr. Eichholtz is a Republican, a member of St. Peter's Reformed Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Syria temple and Shrine of Pittsburgh, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rotary Club and the American Legion. He is also secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a popular young man in the community where he has spent his entire life and is well known throughout Butler County.

Henry Charles Litzinger. A man of considerable means and exceptional influence in the business and political life of the county, Mr. Henry C. Litzinger was a man of a retiring and democratic demeanor, and was held in unusually high esteem throughout this section of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Litzinger was a devout Christian of the Catholic faith, a member of Mater Dolorosa Church, Millerstown (Chicora).

He was born in Loretto, Cambria County, on November 14, 1854, the fourth son of William and Monica (McGuire) Litzinger; and both the paternal and maternal families are among the oldest families in the state as also in the nation.

After finishing in the public schools in Loretto, Mr. Litzinger spent two years at St. Vincent's College at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and then returned to his native town and finished an apprenticeship in the saddlery business.

While attending St. Vincent's College, a warm friendship grew up between Mr. Litzinger and a young priest by the name of Rev. Peter F. May from Chicago, then finishing his ecclesiastic studies in St. Vincent's Seminary. It so happened that after Mr. Litzinger returned to his native town, Father May was appointed as assistant pastor there; and the already established friendship between these two young men strengthened into a genuine endearment, which lasted throughout life. Father May later officiated at Mr. Litzinger's wedding, he baptized his second son, Lewis Peter, who was named after the priest, he officiated at the funeral of Mr. Litzinger's father and then of his mother; and finally he celebrated the nuptial mass of the son, Lewis P.

After a year or so as assistant pastor at Loretto, the young priest was appointed pastor at Brady's Bend, in Armstrong County, just near the then exciting oil development in and around Millerstown (now Chicora). Shortly afterwards Father May wrote to Mr. Litzinger telling him of the opportunities and advantages in the oil country (as this part of Pennsylvania was then known); and Mr. Litzinger promptly came west to visit his friend at Brady's Bend. While there he made frequent trips to Millerstown, sizing up the business prospects, and in a short time purchased an established mercantile business. This was in the early spring of 1876; and Mr. Litz-



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inger continued this business until June 14, 1892, when his home, store and warerooms were destroyed in the historical Millerstown fire, which laid waste to twenty-eight dwelling houses and business places over an area of four town blocks. In this fire Mr. Litzinger was seriously injured, so did not reengage in business for nearly two years; but under pressure of the entreaties of his innumerable friends and patrons, he again established in the mercantile business in 1894, which he continued until 1910, when he sold his establishment to E. C. Dunlap.

Mr. Litzinger was one of the early pioneers in the oil industry in Butler County, having been a part owner in many of the most famous wells in the oil fields, known as the Great Eastern Belt, the Front, Buffalo Bridge, the Hickey, St. Joe, Danville and the Garden Patch.

He was an active and conspicuous character in nearly all of the great independent oil men's movements against the Standard Oil Company, having assisted in the organization of the Producers and Refiners Company, the Pure Oil Company, the Union Pipe Line Company and finally the Butler County Oil Refining Company.

Mr. Litzinger was intensely interested and active in all civic movements of his town and county. In the very early days of Millerstown he was impressed with the town's need for a water supply, and accordingly developed a water system for the town, which endures to this date. He was one of the organizers of the Millerstown Driving Park and Fair Association. He served several terms on the Town Council and also on the School Board. He was one of the original stockholders and directors of the Butler Fair Association; also a stockholder and director of the Butler County National Bank; an organizer and director of the Butler County Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Company; an organizer and director of the Evans Manufacturing Company of Butler; and from the inception of the Butler County Oil Refining Company until the date of his death he retained the office of president of that company.

In the early history of the oil industry, the oil fields were served by a narrow gauge railroad, known as the Pittsburgh & Western Railway Company. This was never a paying enterprise and late in the eighties it was taken over on a perpetual lease by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. Even the latter company was unable to

meet its obligations and its employees were paid with time certificates instead of money. During several years while this condition continued, the trainmen, trackmen and station men all along the system, from Mt. Jewett to Pittsburgh, found in Mr. Litzinger a means of selling their time certificates for cash. The volume of this altruistic business handled by Mr. Litzinger amounted to possibly hundreds of thousands of dollars; and as he was sometimes forced to carry the certificates many months, he held as high as \$20,000 worth of these at one time. Such a sum of money at that time was a small fortune, and with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, then in a financially tottering condition, Mr. Litzinger displayed a spirit of real philanthropy in thus helping these men.

He was a member of the Butler Council, Knights of Columbus, an honorary member of the Sons of Veterans, as also an honorary member of Cambria County Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

His works of charity and philanthropy will never be known, as Mr. Litzinger was continually helping a poor neighbor here and there in an unostentatious way.

Mr. Litzinger's native village of Loretto, in Cambria County, and his family history cannot be overlooked in a sketch of this character. Loretto was founded by the prince-priest, Demetrius Gallitzin, a prince of the Russian court, who renounced his royal prerogatives to become a Catholic priest in America, and who had the distinction of being the first priest to receive all his sacerdotal vows on American soil.

He was ordained by Rt. Reverend Bishop (later Archbishop) Carroll of Baltimore, a brother to John Carroll, who signed the Declaration of Independence, and was the last survivor of the signers, and which family was connected with the Litzinger family. Father Gallitzin was imbued with an intense desire to do missionary work among the scattered pioneer families in the wilds, west of the Alleghenies. With the Bishop's permission he set out on a journey over the Allegheny Mountains to the then village of Pittsburgh. Following the mountain trails, he came to the McGuire settlement, in Cambria County, and there met Capt. Michael McGuire, the great maternal grandfather of Henry Charles Litzinger, a renowned soldier of the Revolutionary War, who had received an extensive land grant from

the government in return for his military services. Mr. McGuire so impressed Father Gallitzin with the need of the mountaineers for a priest, that after he finished his journey to Pittsburgh and returned to Baltimore, he prevailed on Bishop Carroll to permit him to serve as pastor of the Allegheny Mountains. Out of gratitude Mr. McGuire donated to him five hundred acres of land for school, church and cemetery purposes.

Here, in 1799, Father Gallitzin built a little chapel on the ridge overlooking McGuire's settlement and gave it the name of Loretto, after the name of the shrine in Italy. From that time on McGuire's settlement lost its identity in Loretto. The exact spot of that original chapel cannot be definitely fixed, but a few years later Father Gallitzin built a larger chapel close by, and in connection with his rectory, and this structure still stands in excellent preservation. Still a few years later, his communicants outgrowing in numbers the accommodations of his chapel, he erected a somewhat larger building, dignified with the name of a church; and in this structure he administered to his flock until his death in 1840. Some years after his death, a brick church was built about a thousand feet west of the original church. The first church went into decay, and the structure was removed, leaving its foundation walls to enclose a burial plot for the pioneer families, reserving the enclosure of the foundation of the sanctuary as a burial place for the future pastors of the church. Within the enclosure of those foundation walls lie the remains of William and Monica Litzinger and their son, Henry Charles, the subject of this sketch.

The brick church built subsequent to Father Gallitzin's death has since been replaced by a beautiful modern stone structure, donated by Mr. Charles M. Schwab, in 1900, in honor of the prince-priest and as a gift to the friends of his boyhood village days in Loretto. This church stands at the extreme eastern end of the village, while on the crest of the mountain ridge, nearly a mile away, at the extreme western end of the village, and overlooking the entire scene, is the palatial summer residence and estate of Mr. Schwab.

The Litzinger and McGuire families date back for two entire centuries in American history; and both families produced many brave, heroic and patriotic characters whose names are registered in golden letters in all the wars in which America has fought.

The maternal ancestors of Mr. Litzinger were all zealous Catholics and eminent in the Old Church, but the paternal line registers a break in its religious affiliations somewhere in the early part of the last century, resulting in many close and endeared relations of Mr. Litzinger (even uncles and first cousins) professing a variety of Protestant faiths.

Henry Charles Litzinger was united in marriage with Mary Frances Kessler on June 24, 1877, in old St. Michael's Church at Loretto, the Rev. Peter F. May officiating.

This union resulted in the birth of eight children, three of whom died in infancy and the others being Emma M., at home; Raymond W., of Pittsburgh; Lewis P., of Butler; F. Mercedes, at home, and Charles F., of Cleveland, Ohio.

Henry Charles Litzinger departed this life on the twentieth day of September, 1924, survived by his widow, Mary Frances, and his five children, above named, and fifteen grandchildren. His life and works were signally honored in the form of one of the largest funerals ever assembled in Butler County, so large that those who could not gain admittance to the church numbered nearly as many as those inside the edifice. Thirteen priests from far and near were in attendance in the sanctuary during a solemn mass of requiem at his funeral; and from the time the funeral cortege left his residence and until after the funeral ceremonies, two hours later, when the cortege departed for the burial in Loretto, every business house in Chicora remained closed as a token of honor and respect for Mr. Litzinger.

Lewis P. Litzinger. A man of means and influence, prominent as a lawyer, and known throughout Pennsylvania and the West as an oil operator and refiner, Lewis P. Litzinger is nevertheless a most democratic man, highly esteemed in Butler County and its capital, Butler, particularly. A devout Christian, he is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Butler. His family is one of the oldest in the state and nation.

Lewis P. Litzinger was born in the famous oil town, Millerstown (now Chicora), Butler County, November 4, 1880, the son of Henry C.

Litzinger, a native of Loretto, Cambria County, and Frances M. (Kessler) Litzinger. The senior Litzinger, who died September 20, 1924, and the family history are sketched in this volume.

Mr. Litzinger began his education in the public schools of Chicora. He began his college course at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, and after a year in that institution, he received his B. A. degree at St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He then entered Georgetown University, law department, in Washington, District of Columbia, and after his graduation from this institution in 1902, he was admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia, where he practiced for one year while completing a post-graduate law course at Georgetown University, from which course he was graduated in 1903. Following receipt of his B. L. degree, he was admitted to the bar of Butler County in 1903, and entered into a partnership practice with the late Jacob Painter. A year later he and Everett L. Ralston formed a law partnership, which continued until 1914, when Mr. Ralston retired from the legal profession, and Mr. Litzinger began to gradually relinquish his public practice so as to devote his full time to his growing personal business enterprises. In 1917 he abandoned the legal profession entirely, although he retains his membership at the bar and in the Bar Association.

Mr. Litzinger's father was one of the organizers of the Butler County Oil Refining Company, having retained its presidency from its inception to the date of his death, at which time Lewis P. succeeded to the presidency, having been vice president and general counsel for eight years previously. During the first few years of its existence, the Butler County Oil Refining Company not only buffeted the onslaughts of the dominant interests in the oil industry, but was torn by internal strife among conflicting elements of its officers. Lewis P. Litzinger being general counsel for the company and realizing the hopelessness of its future under such conditions, quietly bought up a controlling stock interest and thereby secured the vice presidency, placing him in a position to direct the policies of the company, as his father had broken physically under the strain of the company's earlier experience. From this time forward, the Butler County Oil Refining Company, with its associated extensive pipe line system, has become one of the leading and largest enterprises of

Butler County; and today it stands in the fore rank with the largest independent oil establishments in the Pennsylvania oil fields.

Besides its refining and pipe line activities the Butler County Oil Refining Company owns a large business block, known as the Butler County Oil Building, at McKean and East Jefferson streets in the city of Butler.

He is also president of the Butler Oil Sales Company. He was the organizer of the Litzinger Oil Trust, which held and developed extensive oil leases in the western fields during the World War and subsequent thereto.

Mr. Litzinger gave distinguished home war service during the World War, having devoted virtually two-thirds of his time to war work and having converted to the Federal Government the beneficial operations of all his oil plants so that victory would be won. He was active in all Liberty and Victory Loan campaigns, in Red Cross work, in the Young Men's Christian Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish and Salvation Army drives; and served as a "Four Minute" speaker in all of these activities. He increased his popularity a hundred fold throughout Butler County by these activities, and he received various certificates and medals for meritorious service to his country in times of emergency. Mr. Litzinger is a prominent Republican, a member of the Butler Council of the Knights of Columbus and has been through "all the chairs" as the expression goes, having filled the office of grand knight for two terms, district deputy for one term, and having later organized the Butler Chapter of the Fourth Degree. He was repeatedly a delegate to the state convention of the Knights and is well known throughout the order.

Mr. Litzinger is an active and enthusiastic sport fan. During the past seasons he put in the field the Bruinoil Baseball Club and Bruinoil Basketball Club, both in the semi-professional ranks, and gave to Butler its first high class sport in twenty years or more.

These activities are thought by many Butlerites to have done more to advertise Butler City than was ever accomplished by any other project.

Mr. Litzinger has always been prominently identified with all the civic activities of the community. Good roads, the Memorial Hospital, Boy Scouts and all similar projects have received particular patronage and encouragement at his hands.

His business connections are too extensive for enumeration, and while it is known that his charities are probably as broad and extensive as those of any man in the community, nothing of the nature can be gleaned from him.

Mr. Litzinger maintains offices in the Butler County Oil Building at No. 145 East Jefferson Street and resides with his family at No. 542 East Pearl Street, Butler.

Mr. Litzinger married Ida E. Conerty, daughter of Patrick and Bridget (Dolan) Conerty, in Chicora, June 12, 1906. Of this union there are four children: Ida Gervase, Lucile Monica, Alice Catherine and Lewis P., Jr. Ida Gervase was graduated in June, 1926, from Seton Hill Academy, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and is now a student in the College Department of the Georgetown Visitation Convent, Washington, District of Columbia. Lucile Monica was graduated in June, 1927, from Seton Hill Academy, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

John M. Blum is a well known merchant of Zelienople, where he is engaged in the shoe business. He was born at this place, January 24, 1888, and is the son of John and Amelia (Knauff) Blum.

John Blum, deceased, was a native of Germany. He came to this country with his parents about 1850 and they settled in Beaver County. Mr. Blum was a shoemaker by trade and in 1880 came to Zelienople, where he immediately became interested in the shoe business. He continued in business until the time of his death in 1923. He is buried at Zelienople. His wife was born in Jackson Township, Butler County, the daughter of Michael and Marie Knauff. She died in 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Blum had three sons as follows: Clifford, lives at Zelienople; John M., the subject of this sketch; and Harry, who is associated in the shoe business with his brother, John M.

After completing his schooling at Zelienople, John M. Blum entered his father's store. He has always been interested in the shoe business.

On June 27, 1916, Mr. Blum was married to Miss Lela Miller, of Zelienople, the daughter of Rev. O. D. and Emma (Dreibelbis) Miller. Reverend Miller, deceased, was pastor of St. Peter's Reformed Church

at Zelienople, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Blum have a son, Phillip, born January 13, 1918.

Politically, Mr. Blum is a Democrat. He is a member of the English Lutheran church and belongs to the Rotary Club.

Harry Blum is a progressive young business man of Zelienople and a veteran of the World War. He served in France with the 323rd Light Field Artillery. He married Miss Margaret Ehrman, of Jackson Township, Butler County, and they have two sons, John and Robert.

Harry Blum is a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and belongs to the Reformed Church of Zelienople.

Andrew B. Metz, a leading business man and well known citizen of Middle Lancaster, Butler County, conducts the store established by his father at a very early period. He was born at this place, April 13, 1852, and is the son of Andrew and Anna Elizabeth (Luebben) Metz.

Andrew Metz, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in December, 1811. He died about 1852 and his widow died in 1913 at the age of 95 years. She was born in Philadelphia and both she and her husband reached maturity before coming to Butler County. They were married in the old Stauffer House, on the line between Lancaster and Jackson townships, and were the parents of the following children: Mary L., who died in 1884, was the wife of W. E. Kirker; Dr. Albert H., a physician, died at East Liverpool, Ohio, in 1890; Anna E., married S. D. Kirker, of Harmony; and Andrew B.

In 1846 Andrew Metz established a store in an old log house near where Middle Lancaster is now located. About the year 1847 he moved to Middle Lancaster and continued the business until his death, January 8, 1854. The business has continued without interruption since its inception although for two years during the Civil War it was conducted by Andrew B. Metz. Under the proprietorship of Andrew B. Metz the business continued to thrive until 1914.

Andrew B. Metz received a good common school education in his home vicinity, and the Edinboro State Normal School at Edinboro,

Pennsylvania, and from boyhood has been identified with the business which was established by his father. He was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Robison, a daughter of James Robison, of Thorn Hill, Pennsylvania. She is deceased. They had four children: Isabella, married Rev. Leunzinger, of Abilene, Kan.; Mary V., deceased, was a teacher in the schools of Harmony; A. Homer, mention of whom is made below; and Letitia B., lives in Zelienople.

Politically, Andrew B. Metz is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic lodge.

A. Homer Metz was born at Middle Lancaster, and educated in the public schools there. He is a graduate of Westminster College and since 1914 has been in the clothing business at Zelienople. He is active in the Zelienople Rotary Club.

John G. Strutt, who is well and favorably known at Zelienople as the proprietor of the Strutt Garage, is a member of one of Butler County's pioneer families. He was born at Zelienople, October 4, 1869, and is the son of William and Margaret (Rickert) Strutt.

William Strutt was a native of Zelienople and spent his entire life in this vicinity. He was a teamster and later owned a popular livery at Zelienople. He died in 1902 at the age of 63 years, and his wife, a native of Lancaster Township, Butler County, died in 1870, and with her husband is buried in the German Lutheran Cemetery at Zelienople. Mr. and Mrs. Strutt had the following children: Charles, lives at Zelienople; William, lives at Pittsburgh; John G., the subject of this sketch; Anna, deceased; Joseph, lives at Canton, Ohio; Clifford, lives in Missouri; and Margaret, deceased.

John G. Strutt was educated in the schools of Zelienople and for several years was employed in the feed store of W. A. Goehring. He then worked in his father's livery, later engaging in the butchering business in Pittsburgh. Mr. Strutt returned to Zelienople about 1895 and conducted a livery here until 1915, when he became the proprietor of a garage and service station. He carries a complete line of automobile accessories and does high grade repair work.

Mr. Strutt married Miss Anna May Lutz, a native of Jackson Township, Butler County. She died in 1902 and is buried at Zelien-

ople. To Mr. and Mrs. Strutt the following children were born: Edna, died in March, 1920, was the wife of W. S. Osborne, and they had a son, John G.; Anna May, married Lester Gordon, lives at Beaver, Pennsylvania; Grace Margaret, married George C., lives at Toledo, Ohio; Esther Jane, married Roy T. Jenkins, lives at Zelienople; and Raymond, who died in infancy.

Mr. Strutt is a Republican, a member of the English Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Elks lodge.

C. Fred Shaffer is well known as the capable mayor of Evans City, where he has successfully engaged in business for 25 years. He was born at Zelienople, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1876, and is the son of Henry and Barbara (Allen) Shaffer.

Henry Shaffer, deceased, was born in Lancaster Township, Butler County, and in early life was the driver of a stage coach between Franklin and Pittsburgh. He moved to Harmony about 1881, where he continued to reside until the time of his death in 1919. He is buried at Zelienople. His widow, born at Zelienople, has spent her entire life in this section and is 79 years of age. She lives at Harmony. To Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer 12 children were born, two of whom are deceased: Catherine, who was the wife of W. H. Goehring, of Butler; and Frank, who died at the age of two years.

C. Fred Shaffer spent his boyhood at Zelienople and Harmony and attended the public schools. At a very early age he learned the printer's trade with Col. Samuel Young, prominent newspaper publisher of Zelienople. Later, Mr. Shaffer went to Evans City and was employed by J. R. Young, son of Samuel Young, newspaper owner. He was connected with the Rochester Commoner for a short time and in 1902 opened a printing shop at Evans City, which he has since devoted his entire time to. He specializes in commercial printing.

On December 25, 1900, Mr. Shaffer was married to Mrs. Anna Smith Shoup, of Evans City, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Truby) Smith, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have no children. By a former marriage Mrs. Shaffer, who died in April, 1921, had two children: Etoile and Howard M. Shoup.

Mr. Shaffer is a Democrat and is serving his third consecutive term as mayor of Evans City. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of his community and is deservedly popular among his many friends.

A. W. Housholder is well and favorably known among the reliable and enterprising business men of Zelienople. He was born near Zelienople, in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1878, and is the son of John and Caroline (Knauff) Housholder.

John Housholder, retired, was born on the old Housholder homestead in Marion Township, Beaver County, in 1853, the son of Martin Housholder, of Beaver County, Pennsylvania. John Housholder has always been a prosperous farmer and stockman of Jackson Township, Butler County, having come here from Beaver County in the early eighties, where he has lived retired since 1915. His wife was born in this township and is the daughter of Michael Knauff, who came to this country from Germany during the early days and settled in Butler County. To John and Caroline (Knauff) Housholder the following children were born: John, Henry, and Emma, all deceased; A. W., the subject of this sketch; Clara, married Clyde Purtun, lives at Beaver, Pennsylvania; Charles, lives at Zelienople; Walter, lives at Zelienople; and Amanda, married Lee Smith, lives at Zelienople.

After completing his schooling, A. W. Housholder remained on the home place until he was 18 years of age. He then became interested in oil production. Later he was a conductor on the street railway system on the Harmony lines for ten years, after which he engaged in the ice business at the latter place. In 1920 Mr. Housholder added the coal business to his other interest and now operates them together. He maintains service between Zelienople, Harmony, and Evans City, and has an extensive trade.

On June 3, 1903, Mr. Housholder was married to Miss Elizabeth Miller, of Freedom, Pennsylvania. They have seven children, as follows: Ralph, Carl, John, Anna May, Paul, Alberta, and Robert.

Mr. Housholder is a stanch Democrat, a member of the English Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, and Knights of Malta.

J. D. Lewis, one of Zelienople's enterprising and progressive business men, is a native of Wales. He was born July 29, 1885, and is the son of John Ivor and Jane (Roberts) Lewis.

John Ivor Lewis, who died in 1913, was a native of Wales. He was a stone cutter by trade and in 1894 brought his family to the United States and settled at Elwood City, Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his life. His widow, also born in Wales, now resides at Zelienople and is 86 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had two children: Ernest, born in 1881, died at Tucson, Arizona, January 5, 1925; and J. D., the subject of this sketch.

J. D. Lewis was about eight years old when his parents came to this country. He was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and Elwood City and in 1914 engaged in business at Zelienople, where he owns a modern and well equipped bakery. Mr. Lewis carries on an extensive trade and does business within a radius of 40 miles from the city, including the cities of Rosepoint, Prospect, Evans City, and Pottersville.

Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Eva Frishkorn, of Zelienople, the daughter of William and Louisa (Trautman) Frishkorn. They have a daughter, Mary Catherine.

Mr. Lewis has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rotary Club.

Dr. D. M. Fitzsimmons, a physician of Zelienople, is well known throughout the community, both as a successful man in his profession and as an excellent citizen. He was born in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1879, and is the son of Richard and Margaret (Simpson) Fitzsimmons.

Richard Fitzsimmons, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Ireland and after coming to this country at an early age, he became extensively interested in the lumber business. He was also a farmer. He died in 1922 at the age of 87 years, and is buried at Corsica, Pennsylvania. His widow, who is 90 years of age, still resides on the old homestead in Jefferson County. Mr. and Mrs.

Fitzsimmons were the parents of nine children, of whom D. M., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

D. M. Fitzsimmons attended Corsica Academy and in 1900 was graduated from Clarion State Normal School. He then studied medicine and in 1906 received his degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Doctor Fitzsimmons engaged in practice at Beaver, Pennsylvania, and remained there for almost ten years. He has been located at Zelienople since 1916 and has a well established practice.

In 1905 Doctor Fitzsimmons was united in marriage with Miss Catherine McClaran, of Pittsburgh. They have two children: Catherine Mae and William R.

In politics Doctor Fitzsimmons is usually identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

During the Spanish-American War Doctor Fitzsimmons volunteered for service, although only about 19 years of age, and was in the army for a year.

Herbert S. Walters, who is successfully engaged in the meat and grocery business at Zelienople, is a substantial citizen of Butler County. He was born at Mars, in Butler County, June 25, 1889, and is the son of Adam and Bessie (Sloan) Walters.

Adam Walters was a native of Butler County and was a well known farmer of Adams Township. He died in 1896 at the age of 40 years and his wife, also a native of this section, died in 1896 at the age of 30 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Walters are buried in the Mt. Olive Cemetery in Adams Township. They were the parents of four children, of whom Herbert S., the subject of this sketch, was the oldest.

After completing his schooling, Herbert S. Walters worked on various farms throughout Adams Township. He learned the meat business thoroughly while in the employ of Marberger's shop at Mars, and later went to Ohio. He then returned to Pennsylvania and settled at Emlenton in Venango County. When he located at Zelienople Mr. Walters purchased the meat business of John Winters, and soon formed a partnership with Claude J. Bauder, which continued from

1910 until 1916. Mr. Walters is now sole owner of the shop and since 1920 has also handled an extensive stock of groceries. He owns one of the finest shops in the county and has an excellent trade.

On March 11, 1914, Mr. Walters was married to Miss Catherine Sharrer, of Harmony, the daughter of Kimber C. and Salome (Rals-ton) Sharrer, both deceased. They have no children.

Politically, Mr. Walters is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Rotary Club.

S. J. Irvine, who has served as president of the Citizens National Bank of Evans City for the past 20 years, is one of Butler County's most prominent and successful business men. He was born at Evans City, January 6, 1862, and is the son of Dr. William and Elizabeth (Fife) Irvine.

Dr. William Irvine, deceased, was a leading physician and surgeon of Butler County for many years. He was born in Adams Township, Butler County, in 1828, and in early life was a school teacher. Later, he studied medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and for more than 40 years was a successful physician of Evans City. After his retirement he served as a member of the Legislature from Pennsylvania and was prominent in local politics. He died in 1898 and is buried in Evans City Cemetery. His wife, born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, died in 1896 at the age of 65 years. Doctor and Mrs. Irvine had the following children: Belle, deceased; Mrs. W. H. Gelbach, lives at Zelienople; Anna Brown, lives at Butler; Mrs. M. A. Sutton, deceased; S. J., the subject of this sketch; and Margaret, deceased.

After completing his early schooling at Evans City, S. J. Irvine attended Iron City College, Pittsburgh. He began his business career with the Dambach Planing Mills, and was associated with this concern for 12 years, when he entered the Citizens National Bank as cashier, succeeding John Rhoner, who died while holding that office. Mr. Irvine was elected president of the institution about 1905 following the death of Edward Dambach, who had served as president of the bank from the time of its organization.

Mr. Irvine is also president of the Dambach Lumber Company, president of the Butler County Bankers Association, and a director of the Evans City Cemetery Association.

On July 28, 1887, Mr. Irvine was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Sutton, of Evans City, the daughter of James and Dorcas (Graham) Sutton, both deceased. Mr. Sutton was a prominent citizen of Evans City for many years and was well known as an oil producer. To Mr. and Mrs. Irvine were born seven children, as follows: Elizabeth Hazel Weber, lives at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania; Grace, the widow of Dr. George Kline, Pittsburgh; F. C., cashier of the Safe Deposit and Banking Company of Tarentum, Pennsylvania; Anna, married D. L. Myers, lives at Sewickley, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Downing, lives at Evans City; S. J., Jr., assistant cashier of the Citizens National Bank, Evans City; and Mrs. Margaret Carey, lives at Evans City.

Mr. Irvine is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is affiliated with the Masonic lodge. He is a Republican and ranks as one of the excellent citizens of his community.

H. F. Galbach, proprietor of the Galbach Milling Company, is a progressive and enterprising business man of Evans City. He was born in Forward Township, Butler County, December 5, 1880, and is the son of Phillip D. and Catherine (Behm) Galbach.

Phillip D. Galbach was born in Forward Township, Butler County, the son of Phillip Galbach, of Germany. He was a prosperous farmer of Forward Township for many years and specialized in the breeding of pure bred stock. Mr. Galbach died in 1908 at the age of 65 years and his widow, the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Behm, now resides at Grove City. Mr. and Mrs. Galbach had 10 children, two of whom died in infancy.

After completing his schooling in the district schools of Forward Township, H. F. Galbach attended Butler Business College. He farmed until 1917, when he removed to Evans City and became interested in the milling business.

Mr. Galbach was married, June 12, 1912, to Miss Carrie C. Hoffman, of Venango County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Samuel and

Ethel Hoffman, residents of Venango County. Mrs. Galbach is a graduate of Slippery Rock State Normal School and before her marriage was a teacher. To Mr. and Mrs. Galbach have been born three children: Phillip D., born October 30, 1913; Catherine Louise, born September 30, 1919; and Ruth Elizabeth, born March 3, 1922.

Mr. Galbach is a Democrat, a member of the Reformed church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Knights of Malta. He is active in civic matters and is a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce.

C. E. Glenn, retired, has been a resident of Evans City for more than twenty-five years, and is a representative and widely known citizen of Butler County. He was born near Coulterville, in Butler County, January 25, 1862, and is the son of Andrew Porter and Mariah (McConnel) Glenn.

Andrew Porter Glenn, deceased, was a native of Butler County. He was always a farmer and owned large tracts of land in this section and in Michigan. He was also a carpenter contractor. Mr. Glenn died in 1904 at the age of seventy-one years and his wife, a native of Fairview Township, Butler County, died in 1885 at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn were the parents of seven children, two of whom are living: Harry S., lives at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, was formerly associated in business with his brother, C. E.; and C. E., the subject of this sketch.

C. E. Glenn was reared and educated in Concord Township and also attended the schools of Traverse City, Michigan. He completed his schooling at the old brick school house on Jefferson Avenue, and at an early age became interested in the oil business. Mr. Glenn had extensive holdings in Illinois and Louisiana and at the time of his retirement in 1920 he was widely known as an oil producer. He has been a resident of Evans City since 1905 and owns the city's most attractive residence, which is located at Washington and Elizabeth streets.

Mr. Glenn married Miss Nettie Buhl, of Evans City. She is the daughter of Fred C. and Vennie (Graham) Buhl, natives of Butler

County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Buhl is deceased and his widow lives in Evans City, Pennsylvania. Fred C. Buhl was a brother of Henry Buhl, Jr., of Boggs and Buhl, the well known merchants of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn have had four children: Christine B.; a twin sister who died in infancy; Lucile Glenn; and Coulter E., Jr.

Mr. Glenn has always been a Republican. He holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church and is active in all church work. For the past seventeen years he has been superintendent of the United Presbyterian Sabbath School and is also a member of the session of that body. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and its various branches, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Dr. E. D. Kinsey is an enterprising and successful young dentist of Butler County, engaged in the practice of his profession at Evans City. He was born at this place, January 18, 1898, and is the son of William Penn and Aurelia (Cookson) Kinsey.

William Penn Kinsey, deceased, was a very prominent citizen of Butler County. He was born at Portersville and spent his early life there as a teacher, being a graduate of Slippery Rock State Normal School. Later he was associated with the Dambach Plane Mill Company as vice president. He died April 18, 1919, and his widow resides at Evans City. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey had the following children: Ada, married W. H. Goehring, lives at Evans City; Wilbur L., lives at Evans City; Dr. E. D., the subject of this sketch; Albert Carl, lives at home; and Paul, died in infancy.

Dr. E. D. Kinsey received his education in the public schools of Evans City and studied dentistry at the University of Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1920. He has since been located in his home city, where he has an extensive practice.

Doctor Kinsey was married to Miss Lillian Mary Andrews, of Evans City, the daughter of Chester P. and Caroline Andrews, residents of Hooker, Pennsylvania. To Doctor and Mrs. Kinsey have been born two children: William Chester, born May 19, 1919; and Mary Catherine, born July 31, 1923.

Doctor Kinsey is identified with the county, state and national dental associations. He is a Republican, a member of St. John's Re-

formed Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Delta Sigma Delta fraternity.

During the World War Doctor Kinsey served as a member of the Student Army Training Corps at the University of Pittsburgh. He is past commander of the American Legion, Evans City.

W. H. Goehring, a progressive and well known merchant of Evans City, is a native of Butler County. He was born in Forward Township, May 23, 1888, and is the son of J. C. and Sophia (Zehner) Goehring.

J. C. Goehring was born in Muddy Creek Township, Butler County, and was always a farmer. He owned a well improved farm of 120 acres, where he lived until the time of his death, which occurred June 2, 1924. He was a Republican, a member of the Reformed church, and for many years served as school director. His widow was born in Jackson Township, Butler County, and still resides on the Goehring homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Goehring had nine children, as follows: Clara, the wife of F. E. Lutz, now reside in Zelienople, Pennsylvania; Ada, deceased, was the wife of Frank Ramsey; Emma, wife of W. E. Bonzo, resides at Evans City, Pennsylvania; Allie, wife of Ed Ehrman, Cranberry Township; W. H., subject of this sketch; Amanda, married Dr. S. P. Graham, lives at Columbiana, Ohio; Alvie, resides on the Goehring homestead; William, lives Miller Sta., Butler R. F. D.; and Mabel, who lives with her mother.

W. H. Goehring grew up on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools. When he was 21 years of age he removed to Evans City, where he engaged in the grocery business. He owns one of the finest stores in the city and carries a high grade line of staple and fancy groceries. He has an excellent trade.

On June 2, 1914, Mr. Goehring was married to Miss Ada Kinsey, a native of Cranberry Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Wm. Penn and Aurelia (Cookson) Kinsey, a sketch of whom appears in connection with Dr. E. D. Kinsey's sketch. They have no children.

Mr. Goehring is a Republican, a member of the Reformed church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

J. H. Ramsey, popular garage owner of Harmony, is a substantial citizen of Butler County. He was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1873, and is the son of J. G. and Margaret (Weimer) Ramsey.

J. G. Ramsey, deceased, was born in Crawford County. He later lived at Harmony and Zelienople, where he died at the age of 77 years. His wife died about 1900 and with her husband is buried at Zelienople. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey had ten children, all of whom are living. J. H., the subject of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth.

J. H. Ramsey received his education in the schools of Harmony and Grove City. He also attended school at Slippery Rock and began his business career in the timber fields of West Virginia where he operated a saw mill. He was thus engaged until 1913, when he returned to Butler County and became identified with his present garage business at Harmony. Mr. Ramsey is now associated with his son, Arthur, and they operate one of the up-to-date garages in this section of the county. They are agents for the Chrysler automobile.

In 1886 Mr. Ramsey was united in marriage with Miss Anna Krenz, the daughter of August and Libbie (Zeigler) Krenz, both deceased. They have an only child, Arthur, who married Miss Mae Stauffer, of Harmony, and they have a son, Arthur Richard.

Politically, Mr. Ramsey is a Republican. His family are members of the Grace Reformed Church and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

O. A. Behm, of Evans City, is well and favorably known throughout Butler County as a progressive business man. He was born at Prospect, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1884, and is the son of Daniel and Hannah (Behm) Behm.

Daniel Behm, who has spent his entire life in Butler County, is a highly esteemed citizen of this section. He was extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising until about 18 years ago, when he removed to Evans City and became interested in oil production. Mr. and Mrs. Behm are now residents of that place. They had the following children: Charles Frederick, Laura, Russel, and Louise, all

deceased; O. A., the subject of this sketch; Flora, lives at home; Victor D., lives at Washington, Pennsylvania; and Grace A., lives at home.

O. A. Behm spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. About 1908 he came to Evans City and later attended Butler Business College. He spent the following 13 years in the government mail service and in 1916 purchased the book and stationery store of L. C. Sarver. This shop was established more than 30 years ago by J. A. Ripper and is one of the popular stores of the city. Mr. Behm carries a complete line of books, stationery, and confectionery.

Mr. Behm married Miss Louise Catherine Winner, of Evans City, the daughter of Fred and Catherine (Fehl) Winner. The former is deceased and Mrs. Winner resides with Mr. and Mrs. Behm.

Mr. Behm is a Democrat and has served as president of the borough council for two terms. He is a member of the Lutheran church, the Knights of Pythias, The John A. Irvin Fire Company, and the Evans City Chamber of Commerce.

Frederick Pepper is one of Evans City's well known pioneer business men. He was born on the old home farm in Lancaster Township, Butler County, January 12, 1862, and is the son of William F. and Sarah (Heberling) Pepper.

William F. Pepper was born in Philadelphia, and when a young man accompanied his parents to Butler County. His father, Jacob F. Pepper, settled first near Harmony, then moved to Lancaster Township, where he resided at his death. William F. Pepper was always a farmer. Both he and his wife are deceased. They had four children: Frederick, the subject of this sketch; John A., lives at Denver, Colorado; Mary A., married David A. Wright; and Paul H., lives on the old homestead.

Frederick Pepper was reared on the home place and received his education in the district schools and the schools of Harmony. He worked on the farm until he was 20 years old, and then traveled through the country selling and repairing organs. About 1886 he

opened his store for the sale of pianos and organs in Evans City, and has since conducted this business.

In October, 1887, Mr. Peffer was married to Miss Clara Stoner, a daughter of James Stoner. They had three daughters: Elizabeth, married Charles V. Mosrush, lives at Evans City, and they have three children, Genevieve, Clara Elizabeth, and William Eugene; Sarah, died at the age of 27 years, was the wife of Edgar Behm, who lives at Harmony; and Pauline, married Paul Kimmel, lives at Elwood, Pennsylvania, and they have four children, Paul H., Thomas William, Martha L., and Naomi Virginia.

Mr. Peffer has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Robert McKinney, justice of the peace at Evans City, is a substantial citizen of Butler County and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of this section. He was born in Connoquenessing Township, Butler County, January 23, 1858, and is the son of C. A. and Margaret Dorothy (Brunnermer) McKinney.

C. A. McKinney, deceased, was a native of Butler County and the son of Peter McKinney, who came to this country from England during the early days and settled on land in Butler County, which is now part of Connoquenessing Township. He served throughout the Revolutionary War and died at the age of 92 years. His son, C. A. McKinney, was always a farmer and was a prominent citizen of the county. He served as justice of the peace for many years and is now deceased. His wife was born in France and was brought to this country when she was a baby. Her parents settled in Butler County, where she spent the remainder of her life. At the time of her death in 1926 Mrs. McKinney was 99 years of age and was one of the county's oldest pioneer women. To C. A. and Margaret Dorothy (Brunnermer) McKinney the following children were born: James, M. H., Detmer, and Mary Barbara, all deceased; T. D., lives at Independence, Missouri; Robert, the subject of this sketch; W. S., lives at Independence, Missouri; A. F., lives at New Kensington, Pennsylvania; and H. B., lives on the old homestead.

Robert McKinney spent his boyhood on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. About 1900 he moved to Evans City, and for some time served as mail carrier. Later he entered the employ of the car wheel works at Butler, and he has since remained with this company.

Mr. McKinney was married to Miss Clara B. Weigel, of Prospect, Pennsylvania. Mrs. McKinney died November 9, 1926, and is buried in the Evans City Cemetery. She was the daughter of Abraham and Margaret (Hockenberry) Weigel, natives of Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania. They had a son, Edgar W., who lives at Cleveland, Ohio. During the World War he served in France, having enlisted in 1918 and was assigned to Company F, 320th Infantry.

Mr. McKinney is a Republican and holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He has a wide acquaintance in the community and is well liked.

H. A. Smathers is a progressive business man of Evans City, where he is the owner of the oldest grocery store in that vicinity. He was born at Evans City, September 26, 1898, and is the son of A. J. and Elizabeth (Thrush) Smathers.

A. J. Smathers, who died in 1908, was a native of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. He spent many years of his life at Evans City and for 40 years was the proprietor of the grocery business which is now conducted by his son. His widow was born in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, and still resides at Evans City. Mr. and Mrs. Smathers had the following children: Mrs. Gertrude Clarke, lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Lulu Schoeffel, lives at Evans City; Hilda, died in 1918 at the age of 23 years; Grace Moorehouse, lives at New Bedford, Pennsylvania; H. A., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Audrey Hein, lives at Evans City.

H. A. Smathers received his education in the grade and high schools of Evans City and has been associated with his present business since he was 16 years old. In 1923 he purchased the store from his mother. Mr. Smathers has a well established trade and deals in high grade merchandise exclusively.

On December 26, 1918, Mr. Smathers was united in marriage with Miss Grace Porter, of Evans City, the daughter of S. L. and Maude (Smith) Porter. They have no children.

Mr. Smathers is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Chamber of Commerce.

Henry L. Blend, manager of the largest green house and rose growing establishment in Butler County, is a progressive and successful business man of this section. He was born in Pittsburgh, January 5, 1873, and is the son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Plenninger) Blend.

Conrad Blend, who lives retired in Pittsburgh, is a native of Germany. He was 20 years of age when he emigrated to the United States and settled in Pittsburgh. For many years he was the leading florist in that city and for the past 25 years has lived there retired. His wife was born at Zelienople, Pennsylvania, and died in 1923 at the age of 84 years. She is buried in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Pittsburgh. To Mr. and Mrs. Blend the following children were born: Henry L., the subject of this sketch; George D., lives at Pittsburgh; Anna M., lives at Pittsburgh; Edward H., lives at Pittsburgh; and Amelia, the widow of Joseph Thomas, lives at Pittsburgh.

Henry L. Blend spent his boyhood in West View, near Pittsburgh, and received his education in the public schools. He came to Harmony Junction, Pennsylvania, about 1912 and organized a florist business, which is still in operation, and which is one of the most extensive businesses of its kind in the United States. It is known as the McCallum Company, with offices in Pittsburgh. In 1925 Mr. Blend organized the Evans City Cut Flower Company, Inc. This company has 75 acres of land and 60,000 square feet of greenhouses. The company specializes in roses for the wholesale markets.

On June 18, 1901, Mr. Blend was united in marriage with Miss Bertha M. Heiber, of Perrysville, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John and Margaret Heiber, both deceased. They had the following children: Frank, deceased; Sadie, deceased; George, lives at Perrysville, Pennsylvania; Charles, lives at Perrysville; David, lives in Pittsburgh; Hannah, married William H. Brant, lives at West View, Pennsylvania;

Emelia, lives at Pittsburgh; Albert, lives at Pittsburgh; Bertha M. Blend; Lizzie, a widow, lives at Pittsburgh; Wilson, lives at Pittsburgh; and Amanda, married T. O. Reese, lives in California. To Mr. and Mrs. Blend a son was born, Elmer H. He is associated in business with his father at Evans City.

Mr. Blend is a Republican, a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic lodge. He is active in the Florist Club of Pittsburgh and is considered an authority in his particular line of business.

C. E. McGinnis, justice of the peace at Evans City, is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County. He was born at Sandy Lake, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1875, and is the son of James M. and Sarah L. (Vogan) McGinnis.

James M. McGinnis, deceased, was a native of Venango County, Pennsylvania. He was a wagon maker by trade and also a carpenter. Mr. McGinnis served as justice of the peace for many years at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, and died November 8, 1916. He is buried at that place. His wife was born in Mercer County, and now resides at Evans City. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis had three children: Florence May, deceased, was the wife of E. M. Whippo, of Butler; C. E., the subject of this sketch; and Alfred, deceased. The latter met an accidental death in Pittsburgh on October 8, 1900, at the age of 23 years.

C. E. McGinnis received his schooling at Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania. He learned the carpenter's trade at an early age, and later was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for six years as a brakeman and flagman, and was later promoted to conductor. He resigned in 1901 and became employed as a passenger brakeman and baggageman on the Pittsburgh and Western Railroad on the Allegheny division. This railroad is now known as the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. From there he went with Jones-Laughlin Company, Pittsburgh, as a brakeman on M. C. Railroad, and later promoted to office clerk, and later on was a foreman in the stock shed at the polishing mill for the Jones-Laughlin Company, and since 1910 he has been connected with the Harmony Traction Company as a conductor, working out of Evans

City. Mr. McGinnis has served as justice of the peace at Evans City for the past two years and is widely known throughout the county.

Mr. McGinnis was married on February 14, 1899, to Miss Bessie Falconer, of Blairsville, Indiana, the daughter of William and Emma Falconer. Mr. Falconer is deceased and his widow lives at Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis have a daughter, Ethel Lavina. She married Levi W. Nicholas, of Zelenople, Pennsylvania, on August 24, 1925, and they live at Evans City.

Mr. McGinnis is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the D. O. K. K. lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Evans City.

Ethel Lavina (McGinnis) Nicholas was graduated from Evans City High School in 1922 and from the Butler School of Music in 1923.

H. B. McKinney, who lives at Petersville, is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County. He was born at Petersville, and is the son of Christy Ava and Margaret Dorothy (Brunerman) McKinney.

Christy Ava McKinney, deceased, was the son of Peter McKinney, after whom the settlement of Petersville is named. He served throughout the Revolutionary War and in 1811 came to Butler County, where he purchased 326 acres of land from the government for \$178.26. The deed for the original sale is still in the hands of the McKinney family, and much of the original farm is owned by his grandson, H. B. McKinney. His son, Christy Ava, was born in 1817 and died in 1887. He was a prosperous farmer of this section and also served as justice of the peace for many years. His wife was born in France and her parents were also early settlers of Butler County. She died May 2, 1926, at the age of ninety-nine years. At the time of her death she was one of the most widely known pioneer women of Butler County. To Christy Ava and Margaret Dorothy (Brunerman) McKinney the following children were born: James, Miller H., Mrs. Mary B. Wahl, D. T., Mrs. George Harley, all deceased; Thomas D., lives at Kansas City, Missouri; Robert, lives at Evans

City; H. B., the subject of this sketch; W. S., lives at Kansas City, Missouri; and Amos F., lives at New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

H. B. McKinney grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He also attended Oberlin, Ohio, College. For many years Mr. McKinney was interested in the hotel business at Wheeling, West Virginia, and later spent seven years at Moscow, Pennsylvania, and then four years at Kaylor, Pennsylvania. Since his moving to the old homestead at Petersville, he has been interested in fruit growing.

On August 31, 1888, Mr. McKinney was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Waters, a native of Kittanning, Pennsylvania, the daughter of J. W. and Mary E. (Wood) Waters, leading pioneer citizens of Butler County. Both Mr. and Mrs. Waters are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney have no children.

Mr. McKinney has always been a Republican. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and he and his wife are well known throughout the community, where they have spent so many years.

M. W. Reitz, of Petersville, is one of the prosperous and widely known business men of Butler County. He was born in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1877, and is the son of Peter L. and Caroline (Spare) Reitz.

Peter L. Reitz, deceased, spent his entire life in Jefferson County and was a farmer. He died at the age of seventy-nine years and his wife died at the age of sixty-nine years. They were the parents of six children, one of whom is deceased, Emory, who died at the age of twelve years.

M. W. Reitz spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He was employed in a silk and tapestry mill for several years in Philadelphia and then became identified with the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company as a machinist. Mr. Reitz later engaged in oil production near Marietta, Ohio, and for the past fifteen years has been a gasoline manufacturer at Petersville, converting natural gas into gasoline.

Mr. Reitz was married to Miss Minta Hildebrand, of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, and they have three children: Alda, a gradu-

ate of Butler High School, now a nurse at the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh; William H., a graduate of Butler High School, is associated in business with his father; and Jane S., a student.

Mr. Reitz is a Republican, and has served as burgess of the borough. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is an excellent citizen of the community.

Dr. Ralph MacDonald Christie, a prominent young physician and surgeon of Connoquenessing, is a veteran of the World War, and a member of a highly esteemed pioneer family of Butler County. He was born at Petersville, and is the son of Dr. James L. and Christina (Jamieson) Christie.

Dr. James L. Christie, deceased, was for many years a leading physician and surgeon of Butler County. He was born in Concord Township, Butler County, April 19, 1852, the son of William A. and Sarah J. (McJunkin) Christie, pioneers of Butler County. James L. Christie was reared in Center Township, Butler County, and obtained his early education in the district schools. Later he attended Wither-
spoon Institute and Grove City College. He read medicine with Dr. A. M. Neyman of Butler, and was graduated from Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1877. He then located at Petersville, where he continued in practice until his death in 1923. Doctor Christie also conducted a drug business here for many years. He was a member of the Butler County Medical Society and served as secretary for a number of years. He was also identified with the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and at the time of his death was one of the best known citizens in the county, having the respect and confidence of the entire community. Doctor Christie married first in 1881 to Miss Sarah Richardson, who died January 1, 1888, leaving two sons: Frank W., lives at Butler, where he is identified with the Butler Savings & Trust Company; and Karl M., lives at Bellevue, Pennsylvania, where he is identified with the Jones-Laughlin Steel Company. Later, Doctor Christie was married to Miss Christina Jamieson, who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, near Lisbon, April 18, 1854, the daughter of Rev. William H. and Elizabeth (Mac-

Donald) Jamieson. Reverend Jamieson was born in Ireland and was seventeen years old when he came to this country. He lived for some time in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and was a teacher. Later he entered the Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, which is now known as Washington & Jefferson College. He was married first to Miss Mary Fleming, of Pittsburgh, and they had two children: Fleming, who lives in Pittsburgh; and Mary, married Rev. J. E. Moffit, lived at Cumberland, Maryland, and she is now deceased. Reverend Jamieson was married the second time to Miss Elizabeth MacDonald, a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, and to them were born five children: Jane, died in infancy; Christina; John, deceased; Ella, deceased, was the wife of A. E. McLean. To Dr. James L. and Tyne (Jamieson) Christie five children were born, three of whom died in infancy. The remaining two are: Dr. Ralph MacDonald, the subject of this sketch; and Mildred, married R. F. Shields, lives at Butler, and they have a son, James Christie Shields, born in 1926. Before his marriage Mr. Shields was interested in missionary work in Africa with the United Presbyterian Church and since his marriage he and his wife have spent a number of years there.

Dr. James L. Christie was a member of the White Oaks Springs United Presbyterian Church, of which he was elder for a number of years.

After completing his early schooling in Butler in 1910, Ralph MacDonald Christie entered Westminster College, from which he received his degree in 1914. He was graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1918 and immediately volunteered for service in the World War. He served in the U. S. Navy for twenty-six months as a member of the Medical Corps and after his discharge served as an interne at the University Hospital, University of Pennsylvania. He later practiced in Pittsburgh for a short time and since January 1, 1924, has been a resident of Petersville, where he continued with the extensive practice which was established by his father.

On August 5, 1919, Doctor Christie was united in marriage with Miss Alice Dorothy Hutchinson, of Philadelphia, the daughter of William and Anna (Stewart) Hutchinson. The former was born in England and the latter in Philadelphia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hutchin-

son are deceased. To Doctor and Mrs. Christie have been born two children: Marilyn Jean, born October 30, 1923; and Robert Bruce, born September 30, 1926.

Doctor Christie is a Republican and is president of the local school board and board of health. He holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the County, State and American Medical societies.

Paul L. Boyd, postmaster of Mars, is a veteran of the World War and a prominent young man of Butler County. He was born at Mars, May 9, 1897, and is the son of Charles B. and Lydia B. (Rhea) Boyd.

Charles B. Boyd, who is successfully engaged in business at Mars, is a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and the son of W. D. Boyd, a veteran of the Civil War. W. D. Boyd served as postmaster of Mars for a number of years and was a leading citizen of this section. He died in 1925 at the age of eighty-two years and is buried at Mars. His son, Charles B. Boyd, succeeded him as postmaster of Mars. He has been interested in the men's furnishing business here for thirty-five years and is widely known in the community. His wife was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd had two children: Paul L., the subject of this sketch; and William Rhea, who died in 1921 at the age of seventeen years.

Paul L. Boyd was reared and educated at Mars. He served throughout the World War and began his business career with the Sampson Motor Company, Pittsburgh. Later, he went with the Pressed Steel Car Works of Pittsburgh. For several years he was connected with the Colonial grocery stores at Mars and since 1924 has served as local postmaster.

On June 24, 1924, Mr. Boyd was united in marriage with Miss Marjorie G. Sones, of Butler. She was a teacher in the public schools of Butler for five years before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have a daughter, Ruth Rhea, born May 29, 1926.

Mr. Boyd is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and American Legion.

W. E. Spencer, justice of the peace at Callery, is a highly esteemed citizen of Butler County, where he has lived since 1885. He was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1865, and is the son of Samuel R. and Hannah (Graffius) Spencer.

Samuel R. Spencer, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and in early life was a farmer. Later, he became interested in oil production, and for many years was thus engaged. He died at Fostoria, Ohio, in 1918, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife was born in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1910 at the age of seventy-five years. Both are buried at Fostoria, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were the parents of eleven children, all of whom are deceased except W. E., the subject of this sketch.

W. E. Spencer was reared and educated at Tionesta, Pennsylvania, and for the past forty years has been prominent in the oil fields of Pennsylvania as a contractor and driller of wells. He has been a resident of Callery since 1918 and has served as justice of the peace for two years.

On February 26, 1891, Mr. Spencer was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ellen Grenue, of Mt. Chestnut, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Jane Grenue, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer had four children: Hazel, married W. R. Shawls, lives in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and they have five children, Marion, Merle, Esther, Alice and Betty; Mildred, married Edmund Darnell, lives near Callery, and they have four children, Melvin, Mary Bell, Jessie and LeRoy; Jacob W., lives at home; and Ruth, who died in infancy.

Mr. Spencer is a Democrat and is also serving as assessor of the borough.

John L. Clark is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County. He was born on a farm in Adams Township, Butler County, May 29, 1855, and is the son of Joseph and Mary (Snow) Clark.

Joseph Clark was born in New York, the son of Joseph Clark, who came to this country from his home in England and settled in

Adams Township, Butler County. He was a farmer and owned 640 acres of land near the present site of Mars. He was killed in the War of 1812. His son, Joseph, remained on the home place in Adams Township, and became a prosperous farmer. Both he and his wife are deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Mary Ann, deceased; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Frank Richardson; William, Joseph, Morrison, Amelia, Seth, Isabelle, and Caleb, all deceased; and John L., the subject of this sketch.

John L. Clark attended the district schools of Adams Township and spent his boyhood on the family homestead. Later, he became interested in the coal mines near Callery, and operated a mine for about fifteen years, after which he entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. At the time of the memorable oil boom in this section of the country, Mr. Clark became active in the oil fields of Butler County and was thus engaged for more than twenty years. He then conducted a coal and feed business at Callery for several years, after which he returned to a farm in Adams Township. In 1925 he moved to Callery.

On October 13, 1881, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Link, who was born near Mars in 1863, the daughter of Frederick and Catherine Marie (Schlezer) Link, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Link had five children: Levi, lives retired at Mars; Margaret Clark; William John, Mary Kresse, and Elizabeth Hensler, all deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born nine children, as follows: Floyd W., died at the age of nineteen years; Catherine May, deceased, was the wife of P. E. Irvine, and they had two children, Louis Floyd and Catherine; Pearl, married W. C. Yeager, and they have three children, Mrs. Ray Hunter, Mrs. Earnest Wolf, and Alice Yeager; Mary Belle, married T. C. Joy, lives at Butler, and they have three children, Joseph, Leona, and John; Fred L., mention of whom is made below; Goldie, the wife of Walter Welch, resides in Butler; Hazel, married C. C. Kirchner, lives at Zelienople, and they have two children, Genevieve and Donald; Iva Gladys, a graduate of Slippery Rock State Normal School, a teacher in the schools of Callery; and Opal Grace, was graduated from high school in 1927.

Fred L. Clark is a veteran of the World War. He enlisted September 5, 1917, and was sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio. On June 8,

1918, he sailed from Philadelphia and arrived in Liverpool, England, June 28. On July 2 he was sent to France and arrived at the front September 27, 1918. He participated in the battle of the Argonne Forest, and the Verdun drive of September 30, and remained at the front until October 4. He was stationed at Eucrey on November 11 when the last shell of the war was fired. Mr. Clark was then sent to Germany with the Army of Occupation and sailed for the United States on May 1, 1919. He married Miss Belle Whithmire, and they have three children, LeRoy, Louis and Edith Margaret. They reside at Callery.

John L. Clark has always been a Republican, and he and his family hold membership in the Evangelical Church, of which he is a trustee.

The Eisler-Hoch Auto Company is one of the well established and widely known automobile firms of Butler, where they are exclusive dealers for the Dodge automobile and Graham truck. This business was organized in August, 1917, by A. F. Eisler and F. C. Hoch, and was originally located on the present site of the Ford garage in Butler. Until February, 1919, the firm had the local agency for the Chandler and Reo automobiles and at that date they purchased the Butler Auto Sales Company at 126 North Main Street, agency for the Dodge Brothers automobile. In that year Messrs. Eisler and Hoch took over the Dodge Brothers agency and in connection with this enterprise were also local dealers for the Chandler and Franklin automobiles. In 1922 they became exclusive Dodge Brothers dealers.

In June, 1922, The Eisler-Hoch Auto Company purchased the R. L. DeHaven building, which was located at 114-16 East Wayne Street. The building was remodeled extensively and occupied by the company in October of that year. This has remained the home of the Eisler-Hoch Auto Company. The company employs 20 people and is thoroughly equipped to service all Dodge Brothers motor cars and Graham Brothers trucks. A used car department is also a unit of the firm's business.

The Eisler-Hoch Auto Company has handled the Graham Brothers truck in Butler since 1924, at which time Dodge Brothers began

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THE EISLER-HOCH AUTO COMPANY, BUTLER, PA.

building it. Approximately 500 cars are sold by this company each year and Messrs. Eisler and Hoch are representative business men of the city and pioneers in the automobile industry in Butler County.

Albert F. Eisler is a successful and well known business man of Butler, where he is associated with the Eisler-Hoch Automobile Company. He was born in this city, September 19, 1883, and is the son of Martin J. and Emma P. (Kness) Eisler. A complete sketch of Martin J. Eisler appears elsewhere in this history.

After completing his schooling at Butler, Albert F. Eisler opened a grocery store here, which he conducted for about four years. In 1907 he became interested in the coal business with a brother, E. W. Eisler, and was thus engaged until 1914, at which time he founded the Eisler Automobile Company. Mr. Eisler has been associated with Farrel C. Hock since 1917 and they have the local agency for the Dodge Brothers automobile and Graham Bros. truck. Their up-to-date salesroom and service station is located at 114-16 East Wayne Street, and they employ a force of 20 people in this well established business.

On November 15, 1911, Mr. Eisler was united in marriage with Miss Mabel E. Goucher, of Butler, the daughter of H. H. and Bertha (Keehn) Goucher, both deceased. They have no children.

Mr. Eisler is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges, Sterling Club, Butler Country Club, and Kiwanis Club. He is a Republican.

Joseph C. Hoch is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County. He was born in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1855, and his wife, also a native of the county, was born March 3, 1856. They now reside at Butler, R. F. D. No. 6. Mr. Hoch is the grandson of Joseph Hoch, who removed from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, to Oliver Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, at an early date. He later lived at Mayport, in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, where he conducted a general mercantile busi-

ness for many years. He is deceased and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Jefferson County. Joseph C. Hoch learned the carriage painting trade when a young man and later was a general merchant at Mayport, Pennsylvania, until 1895, when he removed to Butler and engaged in the grocery business until 1913. He then bought a farm and now lives retired. Mr. Hoch is a Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with New Bethlehem Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is Past Master; and Brookville Chapter, R. A. M. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoch four children were born: Laura, married George Blumling, superintendent of erection with the Standard Steel Car Company, Butler; Sydney, married A. L. Boutom, lives at Morgantown, W. Va., where he is a civil engineer; C. Putnam, foreman of the Eisler-Hoch Auto Company, lives in Butler, R. F. D. No. 6, married in 1918 to Miss Cora Coulter; and Farrel C., mention of whom is made below.

Angeline (Coleman) Hoch was the daughter of Solomon and Levina (Shaffer) Coleman, natives of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. He was an agriculturist. He is deceased and is buried at Temple Cemetery, North Freedom, Pennsylvania.

Joseph C. Hoch was the son of Henry Hoch and Margaret (Schilling) Hoch, natives of Ringold, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. He was a general merchant and also served as county treasurer of Jefferson County. Later, he moved to Mayport, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, where he conducted a general store for twenty-seven years. He is deceased and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Oliver Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.

Ferrel C. Hoch attended the public schools of Clarion and Butler counties, Butler High School and Butler Business College. He worked in his father's grocery store until 1913, when he joined the McIntyre Motor Company as a salesman. In 1915 he was made manager of the Butler Auto Sales Company, which position he held until 1917, when he formed a partnership with Mr. A. F. Eisler, as agents for the Chandler and Reo automobiles. In 1919 they purchased the Butler Auto Sales Company, and took on the agency for the Dodge Brothers automobile. In 1921 they discontinued handling the Reo and Chandler cars. In 1922 they became exclusive Dodge Brothers agents. They purchased the building they now occupy in 1922, and

have three stores, 60x90 feet, and storage space for over 100 cars. The company has built up an excellent business.

In 1914 F. C. Hoch was married to Miss Rose Dunlap, a daughter of George and Sarah (Kriner) Dunlap, natives of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hoch have four children: Farrel C., Jr., a student; Doris; Betty Jean; and Lois Virginia.

Mr. Hoch is a Republican and a member of the First English Lutheran Church Council. He is a member of Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M., serving as Master in 1917-18; Lorain Commandery, K. T. No. 87; New Castle Consistory, 32nd degree; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Syria Caravan, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is president of the Butler Auto Dealers Association, and is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, and the Rotary Club. He is also a member of the Sterling Club, Butler County Rod and Gun Club, Y. M. C. A., Board of Commerce, and the United Commercial Travelers Association.

Joseph M. Mattern, burgess of Mars, is a representative and widely known citizen of Butler County, where he has lived since 1900. He was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1867, and is the son of Abraham and Nancy (Times) Mattern.

Abraham Mattern, deceased, was a native of Ohio, born near Cuyahoga Falls. He was a farmer during his entire life and died at the age of seventy-two years. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Mattern had eleven children, of whom Joseph M., the subject of this sketch, was the eighth in order of birth.

Joseph M. Mattern spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. When he was seventeen years of age he became interested in the oil business and since 1900 has been a resident of Mars. He has extensive oil interests at the present time. Mr. Mattern has served as burgess of Mars since January, 1926.

On September 5, 1893, Mr. Mattern was married to Miss Margaret Bishop, of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Nagle) Bishop, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop were

natives of Germany and early settlers of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Mattern were born six children, as follows: Joseph M., lives at Mars, is a World War veteran, married Miss Bertha Litch; Mary Edna, married Dr. Earl Brown, lives at Jefferson City, Missouri, and they have a son, Earl, Jr.; Wilbert J., lives at Mars, married Miss Jeanette Miner, and they have four daughters, Ruth Edna, Dorothy A., Helen J., and Ethel M.; Freida Mildred, lives at home; Grace Margaret, married Doctor Spaldill, lives at Kenosha, Wisconsin; and Clarence Eugene, attends Duff's College, Pittsburgh.

Both Mrs. Earl Brown and Mrs. Spaldill are trained nurses and served in France throughout the World War with the American Red Cross.

Mr. Mattern is a Democrat, a member of the Lutheran Church, and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are well known in Butler County and have many friends and acquaintances.

Walter W. Rouzer is a reliable business man and prominent citizen of Mars, where he is secretary and manager of the Fowler Lumber Company. He was born at Everett, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1888, and is the son of John and Mary (Wright) Rouzer.

John Rouzer, deceased, was a native of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and the son of William Rouzer, who was a pioneer of Bedford County, where he owned a large planing mill. He was born in Philadelphia but at an early age settled in Bedford County, where he also had extensive lumber interests. His parents were killed by the Indians when he was a small boy and he was reared by a man named Fisher. Mr. Rouzer died at Everett, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighty-nine years. John Rouzer also was interested in the lumber business until his death, which occurred about 1912. He is buried at Everett. His widow, who was born in Maryland, died in 1920 at the age of sixty years. To Mr. and Mrs. Rouzer eleven children were born, of whom Walter W., the subject of this sketch, was the third in order of birth.

Walter W. Rouzer grew up at Everett, Pennsylvania, and received his education in the public schools there. He also attended River-

side Normal School and taught school for several years. He then learned the lumber business thoroughly and for some time was connected with the Logan Lumber Company at New Kensington, Pennsylvania. He has been with the Fowler Lumber Company as superintendent since 1915.

Mr. Rouzer married Miss Olive Bookwalter, of Huntington, Pennsylvania, and they have three daughters: Mary Jane, born in 1912; Shirley Lorraine, born in 1914; and Mona, born in 1916.

Mr. Rouzer is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. He has a wide acquaintance in the community and is well liked.

R. O. Saylor is a well known young man of Butler County. He was born in this county, September 8, 1901, and is the son of E. M. and Mary M. (Geis) Saylor.

E. M. Saylor, retired, is a native of Butler County. He was born at Troutman, Pennsylvania. E. M. Saylor was interested in the oil business during his active career and since his retirement has lived at Petersville. He was married first to Olive Whitmyer, and they had four children: Edith, married Arthur Ingrahm, lives at Pittsburgh; Edna, married C. W. Nicklas, lives at Petersville; Ethel, married William Guiney, lives at Butler, R. F. D. No. 1; and Frederick, who died at the age of twenty-seven years. Mr. Saylor later was married to Miss Mary M. Geis, who died in 1920. She was born on the Moose farm in Connoquenessing Township and was the daughter of Phillip Geis, early settler of Butler County, Pennsylvania. To this union were born five children: R. O., the subject of this sketch; Arthur, lives with his father, married Miss Siegrid Billman; Robert, lives at home; Elsie Fay, married George Billman; and Gertrude May, married William Kriess, lives at Butler, R. F. D. No. 7.

R. O. Saylor spent his boyhood at Petersville and received his education in the public schools of Butler. He served in the U. S. Army at Camp Sherman, Ohio, for one year with the Fortieth Infantry. He later attended the University of Applied Science at Chicago, and since 1924 has been connected with the Butler Police De-

partment. He served as burgess of Connoquenessing from January, 1926, to July, 1927.

On May 6, 1924, Mr. Saylor was married to Miss Beatrice L. Miller, of Petersville.

Politically, Mr. Saylor is a Republican. He and his wife are members of St. John's Lutheran Church and are popular among their wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Dale Walters is a representative business man of Mars, where he is well known as a mortician. He was born at Bakerstown, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1886, and is the son of J. V. and Etta May (Thompson) Walters.

J. V. Walters, deceased, was a native of Butler County, born at Sarversville. He was the son of John Walters, also a native of this county and a prominent farmer of this section for many years. J. V. Walters was a farmer in early life and later removed to Mars, where he owned a monumental shop for almost thirty-five years. He died May 10, 1926, and is buried at Mars. His widow, Etta May (Thompson) Walters, was born at Middlesex, in Butler County, the daughter of W. S. and Sarah D. (Scott) Thompson. Mrs. Walters now resides at Mars, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. W. S. Thompson resides in Long Beach, California. Mr. Thompson served throughout the Civil War and was a member of Capt. William Scott's regiment. He is deceased. To J. V. and Etta May (Thompson) Walters the following children were born: S. E., lives in Lindsay, California; Dale, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. A. R. Pollock, lives at Bakerstown, Pennsylvania; D. V., lives at Mars; Andrew S., lives at Tarentum, Pennsylvania; Dr. L. A., a dentist practicing at Butler, resides in Mars; and Paul B., died in infancy.

Dale Walters received his education in the schools of Mars, where his family settled when he was about seven years of age. After completing his early schooling he entered the Western Pennsylvania School of Embalming and since 1905 has conducted a funeral home and undertaking establishment at Mars.

Mr. Walters was married October 31, 1906, to Miss Claire M. Hildbrand, of Butler County, the daughter of P. R. and Molly M. (Mc-

Cannon) Hildabrand, natives of Butler County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hildabrand is deceased and his widow resides at Long Beach, California. She was born in the old stone house on the Slippery Rock Road December 25, 1867, a daughter of Joseph C. and Martha Jane (Carroll) McCannon. Mr. McCannon conducted a tavern at the stone house and also drove the stage coach from there to Pittsburgh at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Hildabrand have three children: Paul M., lives at Long Beach, California; Mrs. Walters; and Mrs. J. T. Keiser, lives at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Walters two children were born: Madeline Claire, attends the Normal School of Physical Education, Chicago, Illinois; and Adrian Dale, a junior in the Mars High School.

Mr. Walters is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has a wide acquaintance and is well liked in the community where he has spent practically his entire life.

Clarence A. Conley, superintendent of Mars Borough schools, is one of the well known educators of Butler County. He was born at Mars, December 26, 1892, and is the son of Andrew and Florence (Kennedy) Conley.

Andrew Conley was born in Adams Township, Butler County, and was a wagon maker and blacksmith by trade. His wife was born at Mars and was the daughter of Samuel A. Kennedy. Samuel A. Kennedy was born near Mars and followed general farming during his life. He owned about 300 acres of land near the present site of Mars and was a prominent pioneer citizen of this section. His son, Calvin Kennedy, still owns part of the original homestead. He was born October 9, 1859. Thomas Kennedy came here from Ireland during the early days and had four sons: Samuel, Robert, Wilson and John.

Clarence A. Conley had the following brothers and sisters: John A., lives at Mars; Margaret Purvis, deceased; and Mrs. William Boone.

After completing his early schooling at Mars, Mr. Conley was graduated from the Grove City College and then attended the Uni-

versity of Michigan. He then taught school at Mars for two years, after which he served as principal of the high school at Freedom, Pennsylvania. In 1918 he became principal of Ambridge High School, and since 1920 has been superintendent of Mars Borough schools.

On March 28, 1918, Mr. Conley was married to Miss Ora Brunton, of Beaver, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John F. and Minnie (Ecoff) Brunton, both deceased. She is a graduate of Beaver High School and attended Geneva College and before her marriage was a teacher in the schools of Freedom and Ambridge. Mr. and Mrs. Conley have two daughters: Betty Florence and Margaret Jane.

Mr. Conley is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias.

Clyde H. Behm, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Evans City, is one of the most successful and best known business men of Butler County. He was born on a farm in Forward Township, Butler County, and is the son of Augustus Herman and Mary Matilda (Goehring) Behm.

Augustus Herman Behm, who resides on the Behm homestead in Forward Township, is a native of Butler County. He was born on this farm, January 23, 1854, and is the son of Nicholas and Louisa (Rennick) Behm, both natives of Germany.

Nicholas Behm, Sr., grandfather of Augustus Herman Behm, lived in Hessen, Germany, where he farmed until he came to America with his family. They located in Pittsburgh and later came to Butler County. He and his wife were the parents of the following children, all now deceased: John, Mrs. John Metz, Margaret, wife of George Barkley, Nicholas, Jr., and George.

Nicholas Behm, Jr., was born in Hessen, Germany, and was about fourteen years old when brought to America, the voyage requiring about three months. While located at Pittsburgh, he husked corn where Ohio Street now runs in that city. He worked for a time in a brickyard in Allegheny, and was there married to Louisa Rennick, who was born in Saxony and was eight years old when brought to America. At an early date he and his wife removed to Butler County

and purchased a 100 acre farm for \$900, of which a part is now included in the farm of his son, A. H. Behm. He erected a log house and barn, and cleared the land. He remained on this farm until his death in 1885, at the age of sixty-six years. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Behm: Margaret, Mary, William, John, Caroline, Anna, Augustus Herman, Amelia, Louisa, Hannah, Christina, and Lena.

Augustus Herman Behm was reared on the home place and during his boyhood days attended the district schools during the winter months. He has seventy acres of the home farm, on which he has always lived, and in addition purchased an adjoining tract from Markel and Goehring. There are three oil wells in operation on the farm, and he follows general farming and stock raising. Mr. Behm recently erected one of the finest country homes in the county on the site of the old homestead.

Mr. Behm was married February 8, 1883, to Miss Mary Matilda Goehring, and to them were born seven children, as follows: Clyde H., the subject of this sketch; Leah, the widow of Marvin Jones, lives at home; Charles C., a farmer, lives in Forward Township, Butler County; Harry, lives at Butler; Etta, married James Boyd, lives at Evans City; Iva, lives at home; and Bryan, lives at home.

Mr. Behm is a Democrat in politics and has served as township auditor and school director.

Clyde H. Behm was born July 23, 1883. He spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Forward Township. He later attended Butler Business College and since 1902 has been identified with the Citizens National Bank of Evans City. He began as teller and was later made assistant cashier and then cashier.

On September 15, 1913, Mr. Behm was united in marriage with Miss Myrtle Watters, of Evans City, the daughter of John and Ruth Watters. Mr. Watters lives at Evans City. His wife died in 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Behm have no children.

Politically, Mr. Behm is a Democrat. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church and has served as elder for the past twenty years. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and its various branches and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Carl Eberle, who is successfully engaged in the plumbing and heating business at Zelienople, is a progressive young business man of Butler County. He was born in Pittsburgh, May 15, 1900, and is the son of Charles P. and Minnie (Hoffman) Eberle.

Charles P. Eberle, a leading business man of Butler, is a native of Pittsburgh. He has conducted a plumbing business in Butler since 1903 and owns one of the city's largest shops. His wife was also born in Pittsburgh.

Carl Eberle is a graduate of the Butler High School and the Pennsylvania State College. After completing his education Mr. Eberle became interested in the plumbing business with his father, with whom he was associated until 1925, when he purchased the plumbing business of Gardiner Brothers, at Zelienople. In January, 1926, he took charge of the business.

On April 13, 1923, Mr. Eberle was united in marriage with Miss Marjorie Harden, of Conneaut, Ohio, the daughter of Dr. E. E. and Lydia S. (Sharpe) Harden. Doctor Harden is well known in Butler as a Doctor of osteopathy. Mr. and Mrs. Eberle have a son, Carl Edward, born July 28, 1925.

Politically, Mr. Eberle is a Republican. He holds membership in St. John's Reformed Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a junior member of the American Society of Heating-Ventilating Engineers. Both he and his wife have many friends in the community and are well liked.

Alexander Fullerton is a representative citizen of Mars, where he is connected with the Pittsburgh, Butler & Mars Railway Company as superintendent. He was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1875, and is the son of John M. and Elizabeth (Miller) Fullerton.

John M. Fullerton, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He served with the famous Copper Battery, and participated in twenty-two important battles and engagements of the war. He spent practically his entire life in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, and died at the age of 75 years. His wife was born in Lawrence County, Penn-

sylvania, March 28, 1836, and died in 1922. Both are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Castle, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Fullerton the following children were born: Addie M., deceased, was the wife of William H. Givin; Ethel, died in infancy; Charles E., lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania; James G., lives retired on a farm near New Castle, Pennsylvania; Jennie B., lives on the old homestead in Lawrence County; and Alexander, the subject of this sketch.

After completing his schooling in the public schools of New Castle, Alexander Fullerton learned telegraphy and was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for some time. Then he spent two years with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and since 1906 has been identified with the Pittsburgh, Butler & Mars Railroad. He began as train dispatcher, was later made claim agent, then assistant superintendent, and for the past 12 years he has been superintendent of the company.

Mr. Fullerton was married on December 26, 1903, to Miss Myrtle M. Dean, of Pine Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Magee) Dean, both deceased. They have six children, as follows: Dean M., married June Steele, lives at Mars; Charles R., Paul A., William F., Albert L., and James Harold, all at home.

Mr. Fullerton is a Republican and a member of the Butler Chamber of Commerce. He is one of the founders of the Mars Fishing & Hunting Club and is prominent in all civic affairs.

J. L. Latham is a substantial and highly respected citizen of Mars, where he is superintendent of the A. Q. Starr Company, brick manufacturers. He was born in Penn Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1883, and is the son of Dr. J. C. and Elvina (Aber) Latham.

Dr. J. C. Latham, who lives retired in Pittsburgh, was for many years a leading physician of that city. He was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He spent twenty-five years in private practice at Sandy Creek, Pennsylvania, and twenty-five years in Pittsburgh before his

retirement. His wife was born in Penn Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of James Aber. Doctor Latham's father was Abraham Latham, a native of England. To Doctor and Mrs. Latham were born two children: J. L., the subject of this sketch; and Margaret, lives at home.

J. L. Latham attended the schools of Penn Township, and later was enrolled at Ohio Northern University, where he studied engineering. In 1909 he graduated from Carnegie Institute of Technology with the degree of Civil Engineering. He began his business career in construction engineering work at Pittsburgh, where he remained for eighteen years. Since 1916 Mr. Latham has held his present position with the A. Q. Starr Company as superintendent and president.

In 1910 Mr. Latham was married to Miss Viola Chalmers, of Pittsburgh, the daughter of John B. and Phoebe Chalmers, both deceased. Mrs. Latham died in 1925, leaving a son, John Chalmers, born September 23, 1914.

Mr. Latham is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Shrine. He is a Republican.

Milton B. Ellis, who is successfully engaged in the printing business at Mars, is a substantial citizen of Butler County. He was born at Mars, and is the son of W. A. and Emma J. (Thompson) Ellis.

W. A. Ellis was born in Pittsburgh in 1865. He was connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for twenty-eight years as an engineer and since his retirement has been associated in the printing business with his son at Mars. His wife was born in Pittsburgh, March 19, 1866, the daughter of Andrew W. and Ellen (Crozier) Thompson, natives of Virginia and early settlers of Pittsburgh. Andrew W. Thompson served throughout the Civil War and was a leading business man of Pittsburgh for more than fifty years. He died in 1916. To W. A. and Emma J. (Thompson) Ellis, the following children were born: Andrew and William, both deceased; Marie, married Floyd Steep, lives at Allison Park, Pa., and they have two sons, Vernon and William; Harold Lester, lives in Texas, married Helen

Widmayer, and they have two children, Helen Marie and Harold Lester, Jr.; James McFarland, lives at Mars; and Milton B., the subject of this sketch.

Milton B. Ellis spent his boyhood at Mars and received his education in the public schools. He taught in the local schools for several years and has since been interested in printing.

Mr. Ellis is a Republican and belongs to the Boy Scout organization, in which he has always taken an active part. He is unmarried.

James L. Henderson is a veteran of the World War, and one of the best known business men of Zelienople, where he is identified with the Robinson Ventilating Company as secretary and treasurer. He was born at Carnegie, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1889, and is the son of James and Lavina (Watt) Henderson.

James Henderson, who lives practically retired at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, is a native of Scotland. He came to this country when he was a young man and settled in Pennsylvania, where he has always been greatly interested in coal mining enterprises. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is well known as a substantial citizen of Fayette County Pennsylvania. His wife was born at Dunbar, Pennsylvania, and is seventy years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have the following children: Mrs. J. E. Hustead, lives at Uniontown, Pennsylvania; William Watt, lives at Uniontown, Pennsylvania; James L., the subject of this sketch; Thomas Wilson, an attorney, lives at Uniontown, Pennsylvania; and George Watt lives at Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

James L. Henderson spent his boyhood at Uniontown and received his education in the public schools. He later attended Culver Military Academy and is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, where he specialized in the study of horticulture. Mr. Henderson began his business career with the W. B. Davis Company, of Aurora, Ill., and later went to California, where he served as vice president and superintendent of the Davis Glendale Company, at Glendale, Calif. Upon his return to Pennsylvania Mr. Henderson accepted a position with the Robinson Ventilating Company at Pittsburgh in 1924. This firm

was organized in 1913 with headquarters in Pittsburgh, but in 1926 was moved to Zelienople, with offices in the Peoples National Bank building. Mr. J. R. Robinson is president of the corporation, which manufactures ventilating fans of all types. The company's plant is located at Harmony, and employs a large force of men.

During the World War Mr. Henderson served as a private with the Motor Transport Division.

On April 1, 1920, Mr. Henderson was united in marriage with Miss Marjorie Robinson, the daughter of J. R. and Ella Robinson, of Pittsburgh. They have two sons: James L., Jr., born in June, 1921; and William Watt, born May 16, 1927.

Mr. Henderson is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church of Uniontown, and he is also affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and American Legion.

Francis Wallace, deceased, was for many years a leading citizen of Zelienople. He was born in Beaver County, the son of William Wallace. Both William Wallace and his wife, natives of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, are deceased.

Francis Wallace grew up in Beaver County and attended the district schools. He was a wagon maker by trade and was thus engaged for more than half a century at Zelienople, where he had removed when a young man. Mr. Wallace was seventy-two years of age at the time of his death. He is buried in the Zelienople Cemetery. His wife, Adeline (Ferguson) Wallace, was a native of Beaver County, and the daughter of James and Catherine Ferguson.

To Francis and Adeline (Ferguson) Wallace nine children were born, two of whom survive: Jane B. and Frances.

Jane B. Wallace has spent her entire life at Zelienople. She was married on September 16, 1869, to Dr. A. V. Cunningham, who practiced medicine and surgery at Zelienople for thirty-five years. He was educated in the public schools of Pennsylvania and studied medicine at Washington and Jefferson College. He was a noted specialist in the treatment of cancer and was well known at the time of his death in April, 1924. To Dr. A. V. and Jane B. (Wallace) Cunningham were

born ten children, as follows: Dr. Frank, a dentist, died at Zelienople when forty years of age. He had married Miss Sadie Thomas, of Zelienople; and Dr. Vincent, married Miss Kerr. She is deceased. He is a practicing physician at Zelienople; Leon and Charles, twins, died in infancy; Jennie married Brant Sankey, lives in Zelienople; Lee, lives at Detroit, Mich.; Walter, lives at Detroit, Mich.; Ada married Sidney Mount, lives at Detroit, Mich.; and Ralph lives with the mother. One child died in infancy.

Frances (Wallace) Clark, a sister of Mrs. Cunningham, is the widow of Rev. James Clark, a minister of the United Presbyterian Church. She was married first to Jesse Wilson, of Zelienople and to that union three children were born: Ida Weber, a widow, who lives at Oakland, California; Frank, lives at Santa Rosa, California; and Guyla, lives at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. By her second marriage Mrs. Clark has three children: Walter, lives in California; Rev. David, lives in California; and Mollie, married Marsh Berkimer, who is deceased, and she lives at Butler.

Mr. Wallace was always a Democrat and held membership in the Presbyterian Church.

R. H. Cooper. Ranking high among the progressive and well known business men of Butler County is R. H. Cooper, who is identified with the Edward Dambach Lumber Company as manager of the yards at Valencia. He was born in Adams Township, Butler County, March 7, 1874, and is the son of Robert and Martha (Johnson) Cooper.

Robert Cooper, deceased, was born on a farm near Evans City, in Butler County, and was always a farmer. He died at the age of eighty-four years and is buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery, near Valencia. His wife was born in Adams Township, Butler County, and died at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper had eleven children, of whom R. H., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

R. H. Cooper grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Adams Township. He was only fifteen years old when he went to work in the brickyards at Valencia in the employ of J. A. and W. Anderson, pioneer business men of this section. The

following year he went to Pittsburgh, where he was employed by S. P. Armstrong. Later, Mr. Cooper learned the carpenter trade and followed that until 1916, when he became connected with the Edward Dambach Lumber Company at Evans City. He was transferred to the Valencia yards in 1920 as manager.

Mr. Cooper was married March 24, 1898, to Miss Minnie Darling, the daughter of John and Arabella (Thorn) Darling, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Cooper four children were born: Raymond LeRoy, lives at home, and is associated with H. J. Klinger & Company; Mabel Edna, married Laverne Campbell, lives at Pittsburgh; Ralph Dean and Harry L., both students.

Mr. Cooper is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Mars, and is affiliated with F. & A. M. Blue Lodge, No. 729, Mars; Pittsburgh Consistory, and Shrine, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias. He was president of the Farm Club. Mr. Cooper is independent in politics.

William Kesselman, deceased, was a leading citizen and representative business man of Butler. He was born in Germany and at the age of seventeen years emigrated to the United States and settled in New York City. He removed to Butler in 1882 from Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania, where he had founded the Kesselman Company in 1872. The plant was moved to Butler in 1882, where it has since been in continual operation, being the oldest oil tool manufacturing company in the United States. Mr. Kesselman died in 1914 and is buried in Butler. His wife, also a native of Germany, died in 1902. To Mr. and Mrs. Kesselman were born five children: E. H., lives in California; William H., lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia, where he is in charge of the branch factory of Kesselman & Company; L. P., lives at Long Beach, California; Minta, married E. H. Jack, lives at Butler; and Floyd V., mention of whom is made below.

Floyd V. Kesselman was born in Butler, April 22, 1887, and is the son of William and Margaret (Mosher) Kesselman. After completing his early education in this city, he attended Mercerburg Academy, Lehigh University, and is also a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology, where he specialized in the study of civil engineering.



WILLIAM KESSELMAN

He was connected with the Standard Steel Car Company of Butler for some time and then went into business with Aiken & Greenough, the firm being known as Aiken-Kesselman & Greenough Company. It ranks among the city's leading industrial organizations. Mr. Kesselman is secretary and treasurer of the company.

The Butler plant of Kesselman & Company was remodeled in 1921 and is located at South Main Street and Roosevelt Boulevard. It covers 9,000 feet of floor space and employs about twenty skilled mechanics, who specialize in the manufacture of all types of oil well supplies.

Mr. Kesselman married Miss Georgia Christie, the daughter of N. W. and Emma (Sutton) Christie, of Butler. They have no children.

Mr. Kesselman is a Republican, a member of the English Lutheran Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic lodge, Kiwanis Club, and Sterling Club of Butler.

W. H. Smith, capable postmaster of Valencia, is a substantial and highly respected citizen of Butler County, where he has spent his entire life. He was born at Chicora, October 31, 1870, and is the son of Jacob J. and Sarah Jane (McGarvey) Smith.

Jacob J. Smith, deceased, was a native of Chicora, and his wife was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. He operated a grist mill at Chicora for many years and also conducted a general mercantile business at Myona, Pennsylvania. He died in 1902 at the age of seventy years and his wife died in 1912 at the age of seventy years. Both are buried in the Union Cemetery, Adams Township, Butler County. Mr. Smith was a life long Republican and an elder of the United Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born five children, as follows: Margaret A., died at the age of twenty-three years; Sarah B., died at the age of fifty-nine years; John B., lives at Mars, Pennsylvania; W. H., the subject of this sketch; and Nancy E., married Richard Lappish, lives at Valencia, Pennsylvania.

W. H. Smith was reared and educated in Adams Township and also attended the old Renfrew Academy. For about ten years he followed carpentry work and then farmed on the home place until

1905, when he accepted the office of postmaster of Valencia. He served in this capacity until 1915, and then retired to his farm. He again became postmaster of Valencia in 1922 and is now in office. Mr. Smith owns a fine farm on the outskirts of Valencia and has lived here continuously since 1891.

On May 30, 1904, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Belle Dodds, Valencia, of Butler County, the daughter of David and Mary (Miller) Dodds, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children: Mary J., a graduate of Mars High School and Indiana State Normal School, is a teacher in the public schools of Mars; Martin D., works in Pittsburgh; Vance R., lives at home; and Isabelle, married Bruce Renfrew, and they have a daughter, Marjorie. They live at Ellwood City, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Smith is a Republican and has served as tax collector and boro auditor. He has been school director for sixteen years and is prominent in the affairs of his community. Mr. Smith is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic Lodge.

James Martin Little, deceased, was a well known and highly respected citizen of Butler County. He was born near Evans City, September 9, 1852.

Mr. Little was a farmer and resided in Cranberry Township for many years. He was greatly interested in the schools of that district, and for several years served as director of schools. Later, he removed to Callery, where he was interested in the general mercantile business until the disastrous fire at Callery in 1886. Mr. Little then was appointed postmaster of that place and served in that capacity for many years. He was assisted in this work by his daughter, Margaret M. Little, who continued in the postal work for almost thirty years.

Mr. Little was married to Miss Eleanor Beers, the daughter of James Beers. Five children were born to this union: Jennie and Annie, both deceased; Margaret M., married C. E. Wiles, lives at Mars, Pennsylvania; Samuel Bertrand, lives at Butler; and Eleanor Ethel, married William J. McClay, lives at Newark, Ohio.

Mr. Little was an earnest Christian and held membership in the Evans City United Presbyterian Church until his removal to Callery, when he joined the Callery Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder at the time of his death, which occurred September 26, 1918. He is buried at Mars.

Samuel McKinney, retired, is widely and favorably known throughout Butler County as an excellent citizen. He has been a resident of Zelienople since his retirement in 1903. Mr. McKinney was born at Braddock, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1860, and is the son of Robert and Catherine (Lannon) McKinney.

The McKinney family is of Irish extraction and the first of this branch to come to the United States was William McKinney, the grandfather, who left County Derry, Ireland, in 1822, and for a time resided at Pittsburgh. Robert McKinney, his son, was born in County Derry, Ireland, August 1, 1812, and died in this country in 1890. He followed general farming during his entire life and was successful. His wife, also born in Ireland, died about 1898. Both are buried in the Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh. Mr. McKinney was a Democrat and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney had eight children, five of whom are deceased: Robert, Catherine, who was the wife of C. A. Anderson, of Pittsburgh; Sarah, was the wife of Dr. J. P. McKelvey; and William J. The remaining three are: Samuel, the subject of this sketch; Harvey, lives at Pittsburgh; and Eleanor, unmarried, lives at Pittsburgh.

Samuel McKinney received his education in the schools of Braddock and engaged in farming in Perry Township, Lawrence County, after completing his schooling. He owned a fine farm of 200 acres in Camp Run, and was a leading stockman of this section until his retirement in 1903.

Mr. McKinney was married to Miss Matilda Blanche Wilson, who died February 6, 1904. She was the daughter of Frank Wilson, of Lawrence County. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney had four children, as follows: Mary Catherine, died at the age of twenty-five years, was the wife of Robert Fowler, and she left a daughter, Mary Lucille,

years, and his wife died in 1918. Both are buried in the Zelienople Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Knauff had three children who grew to maturity: Amelia Dambach; A. H., a leading farmer of Forward Township, Butler County; and Mrs. George Melder, lives in Butler County. To George and Amelia (Knauff) Dambach were born the following children: Sarah, died in 1922, was the wife of Howard Mickley; Charles Frederick, lives in Beaver County, Pennsylvania; John W., lives on the homestead in Jackson Township; Elmer H., lives at Brighton, Pennsylvania; Harvey O., lives on the homestead in Jackson Township; Levi G., lives at Zelienople; Esther E., married E. R. Wimer, lives at Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; and Ruth, married L. E. Henshaw, lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Dambach was a Democrat and a devoted member of St. Peter's Reform Church at Zelienople. He was an energetic man who stood well in the esteem of his many friends and acquaintances.

C. J. Heeter, who lives retired at Mars, is a prominent citizen of Butler County. He was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1856, and is the son of John G. and Rachael Ann (Magee) Heeter.

John G. Heeter, deceased, was a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, born in 1825. He followed general farming his entire life and lived in Richmond Township, Venango County, for many years. He died in 1899 and is buried in Chestnut Ridge Cemetery, Clarion County, Pennsylvania. He was a Republican and held membership in the Methodist Church. Mr. Heeter was married first to Miss Mitchell, of Salem Township, Clarion County, who died about 1852. To them the following children were born: Jerry, deceased; Hannah, died in 1920; William, died in infancy; and three children died in infancy. Mr. Heeter was married the second time to Rachael Ann Magee and to them were born three children: C. J., the subject of this sketch; Jennie, died in 1900, was the wife of James Boney; and George B., deceased. The second Mrs. Heater died about 1864 and he later married Jane Middleton, who died in 1910. By his third marriage Mr. Heeter had three children: James, lives in Richmond Township; Cora,

who lives with her father in Zelienople, Pennsylvania; William, died in infancy; Robert Francis, lives at Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; and Blanche Eleanor, married LeRoy Harrison, lives at Zelienople. Mrs. Harrison attended the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and is prominent in local musical circles.

Mr. McKinney is a Democrat and he has served as a member of the town council. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he is treasurer. Mr. McKinney is a director of the Peoples National Bank of Zelienople and has various business connections in the county.

George Dambach, deceased, was a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County. He was born on a farm in Jackson Township, Butler County, March 29, 1854, and was the son of Frederick Dambach.

Frederick Dambach, deceased, was a native of France and the son of Jacob and Barbara Dambach, who emigrated to this country from France about 1835 and settled on a farm in Butler County, near Zelienople. Later they removed to the present Dambach homestead in Jackson Township. Frederick Dambach followed general farming and stock raising during his entire life and was successful. He died at the age of seventy-nine years and is buried in the Zelienople Cemetery. Mr. Dambach was a Democrat and a member of St. Peters Lutheran Reform Church, being one of the founders and faithful members of this church.

George Dambach always lived in Butler County. He was educated in the district schools and at an early age became interested in farming and stock raising. He removed to Zelienople in 1909, and was engaged in business there until his death, which occurred in May, 1926. Mr. Dambach is buried in the Zelienople cemetery.

On January 17, 1878, Mr. Dambach was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Knauff, a native of Forward Township, Butler County, and the daughter of John and Sophia (Reeb) Knauff. Mr. Knauff was born in Germany and at an early age came to the United States with his parents, Hartman and Elizabeth Knauff, and settled at Zelienople. John Knauff died in March, 1896, at the age of seventy-two

married James Sloan, lives at Emlenton, Pennsylvania; and John, lives in Richmond Township, Venango County. By her first marriage to Obidiah Wensel, Rachael Ann Magee had two children: Eliza, the widow of Jeremiah Lutz, lives at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and William, died in 1922.

C. J. Heeter spent his boyhood in Venango County and received his education in the public schools. He farmed until 1876, at which time he became interested in oil production in Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Heeter continued in this line of business until his retirement in 1924. He was devoted to his work and during his many years of service never lost more than ninety days from his business.

On June 1, 1877 Mr. Heeter was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Kunselman, of Redbank, Pennsylvania, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Kunselman, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Heeter had an only son, Charles Arthur, who was born March 17, 1878. He met with an accidental death on June 27, 1919, while serving in the employ of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company as an engineer. He had served in this capacity for fourteen years. He was running his engine up the long grade near Susquehanna when a car from a passing train swung over and struck his engine, injuring him severely. The fireman jumped from the cab and the engine continued up the grade a short distance, then came to a halt, and began a rapid descent back down the grade. When the runaway engine was finally stopped Mr. Heeter was taken to a nearby hospital, where he died from his injuries soon after. He left a widow, Mrs. Lottie Heeter.

Mr. Heeter is independent in politics. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of the World and the Black Preceptory No. 29, Pittsburgh. He is well known and ranks as one of the dependable citizens of the community.

Ray P. Wilson is an enterprising and successful business man of Slippery Rock. He was born at this place, October 26, 1884, and is the son of W. Henry and Augusta (Leason) Wilson.

W. Henry Wilson, deceased, was one of the most prominent pioneer citizens of Slippery Rock. He was born on a farm in Worth Township,

Butler County, and was the son of Thomas and Mary (Davidson) Wilson, early settlers of this section. W. Henry Wilson was associated with his father in the general mercantile business at Slippery Rock for many years, and later was interested in the private banking business. His banking house was later incorporated as the Slippery Rock National Bank, and Mr. Wilson served as president of this institution until the time of his death, which occurred on April 13, 1917. His wife, a native of Harrisville, Pennsylvania, died July 28, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had three children: Mary; Ray P., the subject of this sketch; and Thomas, deceased.

Ray P. Wilson has always lived at Slippery Rock. After completing his schooling at the local normal school, he became interested in the general mercantile business and is one of the owners of the popular "Corner Store." He also operates Wilson's Service Station at Slippery Rock.

Mr. Wilson married Miss Ethel Thorpe, the daughter of H. M. and Ida May (Uber) Thorpe. They have a daughter, Louise.

Mr. Wilson is a Republican and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and Elks Lodge.

Maxwell S. Sitler is well and favorably known among the substantial citizens of Zelienople. He is identified with the National Tube Company of Ellwood City, but lives at Zelienople. Mr. Sitler was born in Pittsburgh, August 13, 1889, and is the son of Alpheus and Clara E. (Swain) Sitler.

Alpheus Sitler has been a prosperous merchant of Zelienople for more than half a century. He was born in Jackson Township, Butler County, the son of Martin H. and Fannie (Zeigler) Sitler. Solomon H. Sitler, grandfather of Alpheus, accompanied his father, Martin Sitler, a colonel in the War of 1812, to Columbiana County, Ohio, about 1805, and there he later married Elizabeth Hoke.

Alpheus Sitler received his education in the schools of Zelienople and at Heidelberg (Ohio) College. He then attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and in 1875 he purchased an interest in a drug business at Harmony. Four years later he removed to Zelienople

and in partnership with A. L. Zeigler purchased a drug store in the south end of the city. Later, Mr. Sitler became associated with the firm of Sitler, Swain & Moyer. He married Miss Clara E. Swain, the daughter of Gilbert and Sarah (Sechler) Swain, and granddaughter of Samuel Swain, one of the first settlers of Butler County. To Mr. and Mrs. Sitler the following children were born: Maxwell S., the subject of this sketch; LeRoy R.; Alpheus; and Carl William. Mr. Sitler has been an active member of the Grace Reform Church of Harmony since 1868. He is a Republican, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife died May 26, 1913.

Maxwell S. Sitler received his education in the public schools of Pittsburgh and Zelienople and for some years was identified with his father's drug business. He is now in the employ of the National Tube Company of Ellwood City as head clerk.

On October 25, 1916, Mr. Sitler was married to Miss Alma Rahiser, of Evans City, the daughter of J. C. and Malissa (Cooper) Rahiser. They have no children.

Mr. Sitler is independent in politics and is a member of the Grace Reform Church of Harmony.

Crawford A. English, who lives at Zelienople, ranks high among the representative citizens of Butler County. He was born at McConnels Mill, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1884, and is the son of Alexander and Essie (McCollough) English.

Alexander English, retired, is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families of Butler County. He is the son of Thomas and Mariah (Frazier) English, both deceased. To Alexander and Essie (McCollough) English were born four children: Martin, deceased; Crawford A., the subject of this sketch; Mary Grace, married H. W. McIntyre, lives at Butler; and Jane, married William Lesnett, lives at Portersville, Pennsylvania.

Crawford A. English spent his boyhood at Portersville and attended the schools there. He worked in the tin mills at New Castle, Pennsylvania, for some time, and later became interested in

oil production in West Virginia. He has been a resident of Zelienople since 1905 and has been identified with the Iron City Manufacturing Company since that date.

Mr. English was married first to Miss Minnie B. Schaffer, the daughter of Samuel and Lena Schaffer. She died in 1922, leaving the following children: Charles C., lives at Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he conducts a filling station; LeRoy, Grace Marie, and Essie May. Mr. English was later married to Miss Edna Baker, of Martinsville, West Virginia, and to this union two children have been born: Harold Edward, born in 1924; and James Robert, born in 1926.

Mr. English and his family are well known in the community and have many friends.

John H. Keck is well and favorably known in Zelienople, where he has engaged in business for more than twenty years. He was born on a farm in Cranberry Township, Butler County, March 13, 1869, and is the son of John and Martha (Young) Keck.

John Keck, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Germany and after coming to this country located in Pittsburgh, where he was employed on the river boats for many years. He served throughout the Civil War and after the close of the war settled on a farm in Jackson Township, Butler County. Later he removed to Cranberry Township, where he died in 1910 at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife, also born in Germany, died in 1908, at the age of seventy-four years. Both are buried in the Zelienople Cemetery. Mr. Keck was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Zelienople. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keck, as follows: Anna, married Louis Klopfer, lives in Beaver County, Pennsylvania; Lena, married Phillip Leibold, lives in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; Charles C., a farmer, lives in Cranberry Township; John H., the subject of this sketch; Henry J., lives retired in Cranberry Township; Elizabeth, lives in Cranberry Township; Martha; and Mrs. Robert Trimble, lives in Cranberry Township.

After completing his schooling in the district schools, John H. Keck farmed on the home place. Later, he was employed in the Cavanaugh Machine Shop at Zelienople, and then conducted a general

mercantile business here. He has been a cement contractor for the past twenty years and is now associated in business with his nephew, Paul Keck. Mr. Keck has had the contracts for many of the leading construction jobs in the city and has also done bridge work.

On April 6, 1899, Mr. Keck was united in marriage with Miss Ella Katherine Goehring, and they had three children: Carrie, deceased, was the wife of Clarence Dobson; Raymond John, lives at home; and Thelma, who was killed with her mother and grandfather in a railroad accident at the Criders crossing of the Harmony line. Mr. Keck was later married on February 14, 1924, to Miss Catherine M. Guckert, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Henry and Margaret Guckert, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Germany. Both are deceased. They had fifteen children, of whom Mrs. Keck is the seventh in order of birth.

Mr. Keck is a Democrat and has served as street commissioner. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and is a reliable citizen of the community in which he lives.

William Baumgardner, city assessor, ranks among the prominent and substantial citizens of Zelienople, where he has resided for the past thirty years. He was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1860, and is the son of Absolom and Elizabeth (Carner) Baumgardner.

Absolom Baumgardner, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born on a farm in Butler County in 1821, the son of John Baumgardner, a native of Germany. Absolom Baumgardner was a blacksmith by trade and was thus engaged throughout his entire life. He died about 1890. During the Civil War he enlisted and served with the Fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. His wife was born in Center County, Pennsylvania, in 1824, and died in 1901. She was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Carner, both natives of Germany. To Absolom and Elizabeth (Carner) Baumgardner eight children were born, three of whom survive: Elizabeth Walters, lives in Forest County, Pennsylvania; Edward, lives in Forest County, Pennsylvania; and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Baumgardner attended the district schools of Venango County and was associated with his father as a blacksmith for several years. In 1889 he became interested in oil production and later went to Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, where he continued in business until 1912. However, he has always maintained his residence at Zelienople since about 1895. Mr. Baumgardner lives at 420 West New Castle Street. He has served as city assessor since November, 1926.

On March 25, 1883, Mr. Baumgardner was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Beringer, who was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1865, the daughter of G. W. and Nancy (Shiner) Beringer, both deceased. Mr. Beringer was born March 23, 1837, and died October 1, 1899. His wife was born June 15, 1844, and died August 15, 1898. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baumgardner, as follows: Pearl, married G. L. Forest, lives at Zelienople, and they have four children, Granville, William, Grace, and Doris; Roy, born August 26, 1887, married Wanda Hulbert, lives at Akron, Ohio, and they have two children, Esther and Robert; Delmer, born July 15, 1890, died November 3, 1890; Paul M., born May 10, 1892, married Helen Ohlsen, lives at Akron, Ohio, and they have two children, James and Helen; Leila, married James E. Britt, lives at Salem, Ohio, and they have two children, Mary J. and James; Wilbert J., born September 7, 1901, married Charlotte Rice, lives at Akron, Ohio; and Margaret May, attends the Oberlin (Ohio) Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Baumgardner is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He and his family have a wide acquaintance throughout Butler County.

Carroll M. Miller is a progressive and widely known young business man of Butler, where he is connected with the insurance firm of Sipe & Miller. He was born at Oakmont, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1893, and is the son of Robert P. and Matilda (Marshall) Miller.

Robert P. Miller was born in Penn Township, Butler County, and for many years has been a resident of Brownsdale. He now lives retired. His wife is also a native of this county. They have seven

children, as follows: H. Campbell, lives at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; Carroll M., the subject of this sketch; Leila, married Omar Ifft, lives at Evans City, Pennsylvania; Myra, married Arthur Painter, lives at Detroit, Michigan; Phillip O., lives at Clarion, Pennsylvania; Bertha, deceased; and Cora, at home.

Carroll M. Miller attended the public schools of Penn Township and Penn Township High School. He also is a graduate of Butler Business College. He spent eight years in the employ of the Forge Steel Wheel Company of Butler and has been interested in the insurance business since April, 1923, when he became associated with Wesley I. Sipe. They carry on a general insurance business and are most successful.

On November 27, 1912, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Bonnie Redick, the daughter of John W. and Minerva (Fink) Redick, of Renfrew, Pennsylvania, and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have a daughter, Helen.

Mr. Miller is a Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Butler Chamber of Commerce. He lives at 534 North Monroe Street.

Frank G. Gordon, proprietor of the Gordon Inn, near Slippery Rock, is a reliable and widely known citizen of Butler County. He was born at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1877, and is the son of John C. and Margaret (Stillwagon) Gordon.

John C. Gordon was born aboard ship when his family was making the voyage from Scotland to the United States in 1824. He always lived in Butler County and was a mason and carpenter by trade. He died in 1908 and his wife, a native of Butler County, died in 1914. To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were born fifteen children, as follows: Culbertson, John, George, Charles, Sophrina, Laura, Ida, Frank G., Jane, Anna, Esther, Joseph Roy, Harry, Clark, and Margaret.

After completing his schooling, Frank G. Gordon went to work in the coal mines of Butler County. Later, he went to Oil City, Pennsylvania, and from there to Buffalo, New York, where he was employed by Fairs & Thrift Company. Upon his return to Butler County, Mr.

Gordon again worked in the coal mines and oil fields of this section. In 1922 he established his present business, which is located between Slippery Rock and Harrisville. Mr. Gordon operates a garage, filling station, and restaurant.

Mr. Gordon was married to Miss Margaret Elliott, of Butler, the daughter of Houston and Anna Elliott, both deceased. They have one child, Margaret.

Mr. Gordon is a stanch Democrat, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Red Men Lodge. He has an extensive acquaintance in the community and is well liked.

Henry C. Heineman, deceased, was a native of Alsace-Lorraine. His parents emigrated to the United States about 1840 and settled at Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, later removing to Butler. Mr. Heineman owned and managed a book store in Butler for many years. He died in 1914 at the age of eighty-six years, and his wife, a native of Ireland, is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Heineman were the parents of the following children: Catherine, who married W. W. Blackmore and lives in Butler; Charles M., who died in 1918; Harry D., died in 1926; William J., died in 1922; Rachael Matilda, who married J. W. Lefevre and lives in Butler; Joseph A., lives in Butler, and George E. Heineman, a business man of Slippery Rock, who is proprietor of the popular restaurant known as the "Luncheonette."

John Harrison Reed was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, on April 17, 1868. He is the oldest son of Hiram M. and Sarah J. (Blackford) Reed. The latter died July 6, 1914. His grandfather, John Reed, was a prominent farmer in Darlington Township, and his great-grandfather, James Reed, emigrated from Ireland about 1800, settling in Lawrence County, near Enon Valley. John H. Reed attended the common schools and Greensburg Academy, Darlington. He taught school two years before his eighteenth year, holding certificates in Beaver and Lawrence counties. He moved with his parents to Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1886, where he attended Mt. Hope Academy

at Rogers one year and taught school for two years. For thirteen years he published a weekly paper in Rogers, selling in 1902 on account of condition of health. After four years he reentered newspaper work. He was employed on the Ridgway (Pennsylvania) Record ten months; East Liverpool (Ohio) Review three years; Butler (Pennsylvania) Citizen six and a half years; Pittsburgh Dispatch one year; editorial writer for the Canton (Ohio) News six years; and for three and a half years has been news editor of the Butler (Pennsylvania) Eagle. Mr. Reed was married May 18, 1892, to Miss Maude Lillian Lyons, daughter of Matthew and Madora A. Lyons of East Palestine, Ohio. Mrs. Reed died in Butler March 10, 1914. He has two sons, Earle L. Reed of Boston, Massachusetts, and M. Verne Reed, of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Louis A. Jamison. One of the well known druggists of Butler is Louis A. Jamison, proprietor of Jamison's Pharmacy, 304 North Main Street, this city. He was born in Petrolia, Butler County, December 10, 1879, the son of Amos B. and Elizabeth Jane (Laughlin) Jamison.

Amos B. Jamison was born in Scrubgrass, Pennsylvania. When a young man he worked as a lumberman and also as a river man, later becoming an oil producer. He died in March, 1924, and his wife died in 1912. Both are buried in North Cemetery, Butler. Mr. Jamison was a Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Jamison was born in County Down, Ireland, and came with her parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Martin) Laughlin, to the United States. They lived in Philadelphia for two years and then came to Marion Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Laughlin engaged in farming during his active life. He was also interested in the oil business. They are both deceased and are buried in Harrisville Cemetery, Butler County. To Mr. and Mrs. Jamison seven children were born, six of whom grew to maturity: (1) Lomie, deceased, buried at Parnassus, Pennsylvania, married B. H. Ellis, who resides at Parnassus, where he is a building contractor. They had one child, Lomie, who married James McConnell, Butler. They have three children: Niven, Louis and Margaret; (2) Charles, horse trainer, Butler; (3)

Ida, married J. H. Tribby, electrician, Butler; (4) Fred S., deceased, buried at Washington, Pennsylvania; (5) child died in infancy; (6) Stella, milliner for Boggs & Buhl, Pittsburgh; and (7) Louis A., the subject of this sketch.

Amos B. Jamison was the son of Scott and Margaret (Sutton) Jamison, natives of Butler County, where Mr. Jamison was a cattle dealer. They are both deceased and are buried at Scrubgrass, Pennsylvania.

Louis A. Jamison was educated in the public schools of Butler County, and graduated from Butler High School in 1898. In 1902 he was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, College of Pharmacy, with the Ph. G. degree. He returned to Butler and was prescription clerk in the C. N. Boyd Pharmacy. In 1907 he established the Jamison Pharmacy, located at 145 North Main Street, and remained in that location until 1911, when he removed to 136 North Main Street. He conducted this store until 1920, when he sold the business to Charles Litzinger. From 1920 until 1924 he worked as relief prescription clerk at various drug stores in Butler and Meadville, Pennsylvania. In 1924 he established his present business.

Mr. Jamison is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Butler County Retail Druggists Association.

Joseph A. Heineman, former mayor of Butler and a veteran of the Spanish-American War, is a citizen whose character and achievement entitle him to special recognition in this history of his native county. He was born at Butler, Pennsylvania, January 10, 1872, and is a son of Henry C. and Mary E. (Coyle) Heineman.

Henry C. Heineman was born in Alsace-Lorraine, June 13, 1828, a son of Daniel Heineman, who came to the United States in 1840 and settled near Great Belt, Pennsylvania, later removing to Butler. His son Henry engaged in the stationery and wall paper business in Butler until 1897, when he sold his store and retired. He was married in 1857 to Miss Mary E. Coyle. She was born in Ireland in 1838, and died in 1901. Henry C. Heineman died in 1914 and both he and his wife are buried in North Cemetery, Butler. He was a Democrat, a

trustee in the First Presbyterian Church, served as school director and fraternally was affiliated with Butler Lodge F. and A. M. No. 272, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To Henry C. and Mary E. (Coyle) Heineman seven children were born: Catherine, married W. W. Blackmore, a shoe merchant, Butler; C. M., died in 1918; H. D., died in 1926; W. J., died in 1922, and they are all buried in North Cemetery, Butler; Rachael, married J. W. Leferer, R. F. D., Butler; George E., proprietor of a restaurant, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania; and Joseph A., the subject of this sketch.

Joseph A. Heineman was educated in the public schools of Butler, and was graduated from Duff's Business College at Pittsburgh in 1891. After leaving school he was employed as a bookkeeper for various firms; was a reporter and bookkeeper for the Butler Times, and in 1909 was appointed county detective under District Attorney Troutman, and served three years. He served as district chief clerk to the Bell Telephone Company's district manager, and remained with that company until he was elected burgess of Butler Boro in 1913. He served in this capacity until 1917, when he was elected mayor of Butler and served in that position four years in an efficient and capable manner. After his retirement from the office of mayor, Mr. Heineman became interested in the automobile industry, and is sales manager of the Corona Cord Tire Company of Butler, Pennsylvania.

In 1900 Mr. Heineman was married to Miss Mary Louise Rebhun, a daughter of Daniel C. and Elizabeth (Allen) Rebhun. Mrs. Rebhun was born in England, and he is a native of Great Belt, Pennsylvania. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Mr. Rebhun is the owner of the biggest shoe last manufacturing plant in the world. To Mr. and Mrs. Heineman six children have been born: 1. William Lewis, born June 6, 1901, a draftsman with the Standard Steel Car Company, married Elizabeth Brownfield of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, William Brownfield; Mary Elizabeth, lives in Hollywood, California; Gretchen, a student at Thiel College; Daniel C.; Joseph, Jr.; and Helen Louise, all students.

Mr. Heineman is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, No. 170, of which he is past exalted ruler, and past district deputy grand exalted ruler. He is a member of the Butler Board of Commerce and the Spanish-

American War Veterans. During the Spanish-American War Mr. Heineman enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the war. Mr. Heineman and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Charles H. Rodgers, of the firm of Rodgers & Sparks, real estate and auctioneers, of Butler, is a prominent young business man of that city. He was born at Rose Point, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1892, the son of David H. and Mary J. (Millison) Rodgers.

David H. Rodgers was born at Rose Point, Pennsylvania, the son of James A. and Sarah Jane (Love) Rodgers. James A. Rodgers, who was born in 1819, was an agriculturist in Lawrence County. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Rose Point Cemetery. David H. Rodgers began life as a farmer and stock raiser, and specialized in pure bred sheep. He purchased his father's farm and continued farming until 1925, when he moved to Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, where he and his wife now reside. In 1910 he established a real estate agency in which he is still active. He is a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he has held the office of deacon. Mrs. Rodgers was born near Prospect, Butler County, Pennsylvania. To David H. and Mary J. (Millison) Rodgers eleven children were born: 1. Samuel John, coal operator, Grove City. 2. A child who died in infancy. 3. William Carl, coal operator, Grove City. 4. Charles H., the subject of this sketch. 5. James Anderson, died at the age of nine years, buried at Rose Point, Pennsylvania. 6. Sarah Eva, married Charles H. Shellito, a professor in the high school, Union City, Pennsylvania. 7. Jacob Robert, a veteran of the World War, engaged in the real estate business at Slippery Rock, is a member of the American Legion and Kittanning Lodge F. and A. M., in both of which he is an active worker. 8. Mary Ethel, married William B. Say, an agriculturist, lives at Grove City, Pennsylvania. 9. David Clarence, a graduate of Grove City College, real estate business, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. 10. Francis LeRoy, a student at Grove City College. 11. Ruth May, a student.

Charles H. Rodgers received his education in the public schools of Lawrence and Clarion counties, and Clarion State Normal School.

He also attended Goodyear University at Akron, Ohio. He then went into the real estate business with his father, where he remained for three years. He went to Akron, Ohio, and was with the Goodyear Company in their flying squadron. In 1921 Mr. Rodgers went to Lisbon, Ohio, and was engaged in the real estate business for the E. A. Strout Farm Agency. He was later transferred to Pittsburgh as manager of their branch, after which he was manager of their New York City branch. In 1926 he came to Butler and established, in connection with Mr. Sparks, a real estate and auctioneering business, in which he is meeting with well deserved success.

Mr. Rodgers was married in 1915 to Miss Irene Furman, a daughter of John C. and Minnie Belle (Thompson) Furman, natives of Clarion County, Pennsylvania. The Furmans are a Colonial family, having descended from John Furman, who came from Wales in 1631 and settled in Massachusetts. They had much to do with the early Baptist colonies of New England and at a later date certain faithful Baptist clergymen among them established Furman University (now 100 years old), at Greenville, South Carolina. At present Mrs. Irene Furman Rodgers is gaining favor as a writer of verse.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers are the parents of three children: Jane H., born 1917; Ruth Frances, born 1920, died 1923; John David, born 1921.

Mr. Rodgers is a Republican, and belongs to the Second United Church of Butler, Pennsylvania. Fraternally he is connected with Lisbon Lodge F. and A. M., No. 65. Mrs. Rodgers is affiliated with the Eastern Star and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Dr. E. Grant Britton, veterinary surgeon, who is engaged in the practice of his profession in Butler, was born at Guy's Mills, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1866, a son of Allen T. and Hannah (Mullen) Britton.

Both Allen T. and Hannah (Mullen) Britton were born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, where they were also married. He learned the carpenter's trade when a young man and moved to Crawford County in the early fifties, and settled one mile east of Guy's Mills on a farm.

He served during the Civil War in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, after which he returned to his farm, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1875. Mrs. Britton died in 1905 and the remains of both are buried at Guy's Mills, Pennsylvania. Mr. Britton was a staunch Republican and held many township offices, among them being justice of the peace and school director. Mr. and Mrs. Britton were the parents of sixteen children: William, deceased, buried at Cherry Tree, Venango County, Pennsylvania; Charles P., deceased, buried at Penn Line, Pennsylvania; O. H., retired, Titusville, Pennsylvania; John A., deceased, buried at Guy's Mills; L. Edward, retired, Meadville, Pennsylvania; Mellie, the widow of J. Oaks, Cleveland, Ohio; Iantha E., the widow of DeWayne Terrill, lives at Meadville, Pennsylvania; George W., farmer, Williamsfield, Pennsylvania; James A., deceased, buried at Andover, Ohio; Jane A., deceased, was the wife of Henry Wade; Dr. E. Grant, the subject of this sketch; Estella, married Frank Smith, resides in Los Angeles, California; Effie, married H. Robbins, a farmer, lives near Cochranston, Pennsylvania; Fred, oil business, Bartletttsville, Oklahoma; H. Ward, real estate, Hammond, Indiana; and one child died in infancy.

E. Grant Britton attended the public schools of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, after which he worked on his father's farm, and also in the Pennsylvania oil fields. In 1893 he went to Toronto, Canada, where he entered the Ontario Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1894. After leaving college he established offices at Cochranston, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1899. He then moved to Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he was in practice four years. In 1903 he came to Butler, Pennsylvania, where he has been in active practice for twenty-four years. In 1908 Dr. Britton established a veterinary hospital which he conducted until 1921, when he sold the property and closed his hospital. Doctor Britton has gained high repute in Butler County as a skilled man in his profession.

On February 19, 1904, Doctor Britton was married to Miss Dorothy M. Caswell, a daughter of P. H. and Sarah (Blow) Caswell. Mr. Caswell was a farmer and was also engaged in contract teaming in Warren and Venango. He is deceased and is buried in Pleasantville, Venango County, Pennsylvania. His widow resides in Butler. To Doctor and Mrs. Britton one son has been born, Howard Philip, a

graduate of Butler High School, now attending the Philadelphia College of Optometry.

Doctor Britton is a Republican and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the B. P. O. Elks No. 170; Veterinary Medical Society of Ontario College; Western Pennsylvania Veterinary Club; Pennsylvania State Veterinary Association; and a director of the Butler Fair and Exhibition Association, board of executives.

A. F. Harvey, well known proprietor of Harvey's Confectionery and Lunch, located at 360 East Jefferson Street, Butler, Pennsylvania, was born in Butler, February 8, 1878, the son of Joseph and Mary (Crouse) Harvey.

Joseph Harvey was born in Loretta, Pennsylvania, in 1850. He attended the district schools and began work on his father's farm and in 1868 went to Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the oil business. In 1872 he went to Greece City, Pennsylvania, during the oil excitement and was one of the pioneers to locate there. In 1873 he came to Butler and engaged in the contracting business. Later he established a wall paper store on Cunningham Street, next to the old post office, which he later sold. In 1904 he became proprietor of the Monroe Hotel, and in 1908 built the New Monroe Hotel. He sold this hotel in 1916 and retired. He was also engaged in the oil business as well as other business enterprises while conducting his hotel. He is a Democrat and has served as city assessor and also on the school board. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church. In 1875 he was married to Miss Mary Crouse, who was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, in 1854, the daughter of Carl and Mary Crouse, natives of Germany, who came to the United States when quite young and settled in Butler. Mr. Crouse was employed by the J. G. and W. Campbell Foundry Company of Butler for forty-seven years, and then retired. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in North Cemetery, Butler. Mrs. Harvey died in 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey were the parents of three children: Charles J., a druggist and chemist, lives at Atlantic City, New Jersey; A. F., the subject of this sketch; and J. L., a contractor, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

A. F. Harvey received his education in St. Peter's parochial schools, Butler. After leaving school he was a clerk for the Lewis Traxler Dry Goods Company, Butler. He later went to Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he was a clerk in the L. W. Cook dry goods store, which was later sold to the Klein Brothers, and Mr. Harvey became floor walker. He was in Pittsburgh for a time with the Campbell Dry Goods Company, then returned to Butler, where he was actively engaged in the hotel business with his father. In 1915 he established his own restaurant at 366 East Jefferson Street, where he remained until the building was sold, when he removed to his present location, in April, 1925, where he has established an excellent business.

Mr. Harvey is a Democrat and a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Walter K. Smith is well known at Fenelton, where he is agent for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad. He was born at Sewickley, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1877, and is the son of Thomas and Nellie (Smith) Smith.

Thomas Smith, deceased, was a native of England. He spent his early life there and after his arrival in the United States he established his home at Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and died in 1915. He spent thirty years in Utah, where he was interested in railroad work. His wife, also born in England, died in November, 1877. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born three children: Nellie and Lillie, both deceased; and Walter K., the subject of this sketch.

Walter K. Smith attended the schools of Sewickley and also the schools of Leet Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He began his business career with the Pressed Steel Car Company of Pittsburgh and in 1909 located in Oakland Township, Butler County, where he farmed until 1916. He then spent two years with the Fenelton Telephone Company and since November, 1918, has been connected with the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad.

Mr. Smith is independent in politics and holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and Junior Order of American Mechanics of Butler Council No. 389, Butler, Pennsylvania.

T. P. Bell, division superintendent of the Pure Oil Pipe Line Company, with offices in the Butler County National Bank Building, Butler, is a native of Butler County. He was born in Washington Township, the son of Alexander and Elenora (Stewart) Bell.

T. P. Bell attended the public schools of Washington Township, Butler County, and West Sunbury Academy, West Sunbury. He then worked on his father's farm drilling oil wells where he remained about three years. He was with the Pure Oil Pipe Line Company as a gauger, working through the various positions with the company until he was promoted to his present responsible position, division superintendent. His territory embraces Allegheny, Warren, Butler and Clarion counties.

Walter B. Fuhrer. Among the prominent building contractors of Butler and its vicinity is Walter B. Fuhrer, who has devoted his entire business life to architecture and building. He was born at Evergreen, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1878, the son of Bernard and Martha J. (Strohm) Fuhrer.

Bernard Fuhrer was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1832. His father, Bernard Fuhrer, was born in Berne, Switzerland. He came to the United States and settled on land which is now Schenley Park, Pittsburgh. He was a landscape gardener. He came to Butler County in 1835 and settled in Penn Township, where he engaged in farming. He lived retired before his death. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, near Pittsburgh. Bernard Fehrer, second, was reared on his father's farm in Butler County. In 1878 he removed to Allegheny County, where he engaged in farming until 1893, when he came to Butler County and bought a farm near Harrisville, Pennsylvania, where he was active until his death in 1910. His wife, who was born at Sharpsburg, Allegheny County, is also deceased, and the remains of both are buried at Harrisville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Fuhrer was a Republican and a member of the Harrisville Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Fuhrer seven children were born: 1. Frederick C., deceased, buried in Pittsburgh. 2. Mary E., lives at Harrisville, Pennsylvania. 3. Susan E., superintendent of the Convalescent Home at Harmarville, Pennsylvania. 4. Frank, deceased, buried in

Penn Township, Butler County. 5. Charles B., lives on the old homestead at Harrisville. He served in Company M, Fifteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American War. He was transferred to the Eleventh Signal Corps and served in Cuba through all the engagements. He was discharged as a sergeant, first class. 6. Alice G., lives at the old homestead in Harrisville. 7. Walter B., the subject of this sketch.

Walter B. Fuhrer attended the public schools of Pittsburgh and Grove City College. After leaving college he took up the study of architecture and building under the direction of A. and S. Wilson, leading contractors of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained for about seven years. He then went to New York and worked for Boyd & Selfridge Company for two years. In 1914 he returned to Butler and engaged in the contracting business. Mr. Fuhrer has been the architect and builder of many of the finest residences in Butler and vicinity. He has also had the contract for many residences at Grove City, Pennsylvania.

In 1918 Mr. Fuhrer was married to Miss Mary Jane Maxwell, a daughter of Alexander Hamilton and Mary Jane (Hindman) Maxwell, natives of Butler County. Mr. Maxwell was born November 7, 1836, and died in March, 1884. His wife, who was born October 15, 1842, died November 18, 1914. Both are buried in Concord Cemetery, Concord Township, Butler County. Mr. Maxwell was an extensive farmer, operating over 600 acres of land. Their children were: 1. Adam H., born June 8, 1865, died April 17, 1890. 2. Rhoda Elenora, born September 5, 1867, died September 4, 1872. 3. Anna Elizabeth, born March 19, 1870, died August 14, 1872. 4. Sarah Agnes, born October 13, 1872, married E. Bauer. She died January 27, 1901, leaving one son, George H. Bauer, who lives in Butler. 5. James Leonard, born February 24, 1875, a general contractor, New Castle, Pennsylvania. 6. Oscar Rollin, born April 17, 1877, died April 18, 1877. 7. Edison Ralph, born April 23, 1878, died July 7, 1912, was a member of the Butler City Council at the time of his death. 8. Edgar R., born February 23, 1881, died February 28, 1881. 9. Mary Jane, born June 26, 1882. One child died in infancy. All of the deceased members of the Maxwell family are buried in Concord Cemetery, with the exception of Sarah Agnes Bauer, buried in South Cemetery, and Edi-

son Ralph Maxwell, who is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Fuhrer one daughter has been born, Mary Jane, a student.

Mr. Fuhrer is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Edwin A. Voland, the well known proprietor of Voland's Garage at Butler, Pennsylvania, is a veteran of the World War, and a native of Butler County. He was born in Winfield Township, October 1, 1896, a son of Ernest Henry and Carrie (Marhoff) Voland, both natives of Butler County.

Ernest Henry Voland learned the saddlery trade when a young man and for many years conducted a harness making shop in Winfield Township. Later he was engaged in farming and stockraising. He owned a farm of sixty-four acres, all of which was well cultivated excepting four acres of woodland. Mr. Voland was a Democrat, and served as road supervisor and on the school board. He was an earnest Christian and a member of the Lutheran Church, in which he had served as elder and trustee for many years. He died November 27, 1925, and is buried in Jefferson Township, Butler County. His widow resides on the old homestead in Winfield Township. To their union seven children were born: Walter, an agriculturist and carpenter, resides on the home place. He served in the infantry, Thirty-second Division, during the World War, in France; Della, married Clare Giest, a contractor, Youngstown, Ohio; Edwin A., the subject of this sketch; Alberta, married Lynn Giest, lives on the old homestead; LeRoy, lumber in woods, Marwood; Willis, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Melvin, at home.

Ernest H. Voland was the son of Henry and Kate Voland, natives of Butler, now deceased, and buried in Jefferson Township, Butler County. Carrie (Marhoff) Voland was the daughter of Alfred and Louisa Marhoff. He was a prominent farmer of Jefferson Township.

Edwin A. Voland was educated in the public schools of Winfield Township, Butler County, and worked on his father's farm until he was nineteen years of age. In 1915 he came to Butler and worked in the A. J. Saier Garage and various other garages learning the busi-

ness thoroughly. In 1923 he established the Ed. A. Voland Garage, at rear of 133 East Jefferson Street. Here Mr. Voland does all kinds of automobile repair work; and at 119 South Washington Street, Butler, Pennsylvania. He handles automobile accessories and tires and has storage facilities for thirty-two cars. He has built up an excellent business and specializes in brake lining and repairing.

During the World War Mr. Voland enlisted September, 1918, in the U. S. Medical Corps and was stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, later being transferred to Henry Ford's Hospital at Detroit, Michigan. He received his discharge July 18, 1919, and returned to Butler.

On November 28, 1922, Mr. Voland was married to Miss Margaret Shodd, a daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Milheim) Shodd, natives of Butler County, where Mr. Shodd is engaged in agriculture. Mr. and Mrs. Voland have two daughters, Dorothy, born March 28, 1925, and Pearl, born November 2, 1926.

Mr. Voland is a Democrat and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He is one of the capable and far sighted young business men of the county.

Harry Minor Hays is one of the leading and influential young business men of Butler, where he is identified with the Standard Steel Car Company as chief clerk both to the general manager and manager of works. He was born at Washington, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1892, and is the son of Abia Minor and Nannie W. (Houston) Hays.

Abia Minor Hays was born on the banks of the little Kanawah River, near Parkersburg, West Virginia, April 12, 1852. He served an apprenticeship in the mercantile business with his father at Graysville, Greene County, Pennsylvania, and in 1878 embarked in business for himself at Enon, Pennsylvania. The following year he purchased Simpson's store, which he operated continuously until September, 1892, when he sold his business to W. E. Jenkins and removed temporarily to Washington, Pennsylvania. In 1893 he leased the Whitla store at New Brighton, Pennsylvania, and during the following four years conducted a general mercantile business there. He then went to Moundsville, West Virginia, and remained until April, 1900, when he located at Sharon, Pennsylvania, establishing a dry goods store.

In July, 1901, he returned to Washington, Pennsylvania, and in 1917 removed to Butler, where he was connected with the Standard Steel Car Company until his retirement in 1923. Mr. Hays died May 2, 1926, and is buried at Washington, Pennsylvania. He was a Democrat, and served as postmaster at Harvey, Pennsylvania, for three years and as postmaster at Simpson's store for twelve years.

On April 24, 1879, Abia Minor Hays was married to Miss Nannie W. Houston, who was born in Rich Hill Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1852, the daughter of Simon Houston, Esq., who settled in Greene County in 1848, having moved there from Washington County. Simon Houston died March 14, 1877, and his wife, Maria (Cummings) Houston, who was born August 3, 1824, died in 1895. To Mr. and Mrs. Hays four children were born: Nancy Maria, born October 20, 1880, married Harry M. Carpenter, lives at Moundsville, West Virginia, and they have three children, Harry Hays, Jeanne Marie and Billie; Sophia Elizabeth, born February 9, 1883, married Clifford A. Prigg, lives at Butler, and they have four children, Kenneth Clifford, Wilma, Thoma, and Minor Hays; Wilson Houston, born February 14, 1887, died February 23, 1920, was the husband of Lulu Burton Murray, who died in 1920, and she was the daughter of Dr. U. B. Murray, of Washington, Pennsylvania; and Harry Minor, the subject of this sketch.

Abia Minor Hays was the son of Hon. James Wilson Hays, who was born at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, December 21, 1817, and who engaged in the mercantile business at Waynesburg and Graysville, Pennsylvania, for a number of years and about 1842 became proprietor and editor of the Waynesburg Messenger as successor to Hon. C. A. Black. Hon. James Wilson Hays served as major in the militia which he assisted in organizing. In 1853, during the presidency of Pierce, Mr. Hays received an appointment in the post office department at Washington and held this position for three years, when he resigned because of failing health. In 1849-50 he was on the Pennsylvania Canal Board at Pittsburgh under appointment by canal commissioners of the state. In 1842 he married Miss Hannah Minor, the daughter of Abia Minor, Esq., and granddaughter of Hon. John Minor, who was one of the original associate judges of Greene County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hays died in 1862. Seven children were born to

them: William Thompson, died in December, 1925, was treasurer of Waynesburg College for thirty years; Sarah Sophia, deceased; Rev. James W., lives at Dunbar, Pennsylvania; Frances Henrietta, married James M. Ferrell, lives at Belington, West Virginia; Abia Minor, father of the subject of this sketch; Hannah Maria, married James L. Smith, lives at Pittsburgh; and Jesse Lazear, who lives at Tallahassee, Florida, where he has been state canal inspector until his recent retirement.

In 1867 Hon. James Wilson Hays removed to Graysville, Pennsylvania, and engaged in the mercantile business there with his brother-in-law, Hon. William Cotterel. In 1887 he returned to Waynesburg, where he died November 11, 1902. He was a Democrat and served as state senator for the Fortieth District in 1875 and was reelected in 1877.

Hon. James Wilson Hays was the son of Hon. William Thompson Hays, who was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1775, and died June 29, 1846, at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Mary McKibben and in 1804 embarked in the mercantile business at Waynesburg. His wife died and he later was married to Miss Sarah Wilson, the daughter of James Wilson, Esq., first postmaster of Waynesburg. Hon. William Thompson Hays served in the Pennsylvania State Legislature and was prothonotary of Greene County for twenty years. In 1813 he was instrumental in founding the Waynesburg Messenger.

Harry Minor Hays received his education at Moundsville, West Virginia, and Sharon and Washington, Pennsylvania. At the last named place he was office secretary of the Y. M. C. A., an officer of the United Boys' Brigades of America, and associate editor of "The Reveille," a Pittsburgh organ of the Pennsylvania Brigades. Coming to Butler immediately following his graduation from Washington High School in January, 1912, Mr. Hays entered the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company, where he has been promoted from time to time to his present position with the concern.

Mr. Hays is a Republican, but takes no active part in politics, although in the forefront in all civic undertakings. He is an elder and treasurer of the North Street Church of Christ, a member of the Butler Public Library Association, served some time as vice president

of the Butler County Boy Scout Council, following a period as scout-master, prior to which time he assisted energetically in the industrial work of the local Y. M. C. A., of which he is a member. He has served as secretary of the Butler Kiwanis Club since its inception in 1922, having been one of five founders of that organization, and a charter member of the Butler County Anti-Tuberculosis Association. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, and is a Knight Templar, a thirty-second degree Mason, and a Shriner, and in 1922 served as worshipful master of Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M. Mr. Hays is secretary of the Butler County Memorial Hospital, having served in that capacity since its incorporation. Before that time he was secretary of the campaign, executive and building committees for the institution. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

Stanley E. Stoops is a veteran of the World War and a well known young business man of Karns City. He was born in Karns City, May 4, 1897, a son of Henry P. and Agnes E. (Scott) Stoops.

Henry P. Stoops, a son of Stephen and Maria (Hilliard) Stoops, was born in Parker Township, Butler County, in 1867. His parents are deceased and are buried in Washington Township, Butler County. He was reared on his fathers' farm and when a young man became an oil driller. Since 1902, with the exception of two years when he engaged in contract drilling, he has been in the employ of the Pure Oil Pipe Line Company. He is a Republican and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Stoops, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott, was born in Freeport, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Stoops have two children: Stanley E., the subject of this sketch; and William G., also a veteran of the World War, having served in the infantry. He married Madeline Farnen and they reside at Raleigh, North Carolina, where he is a salesman for the Atlantic Refining Company. Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Stoops reside in Fairview Township, Butler County.

Stanley E. Stoops attended the public schools and graduated from Fairview Township High School in 1916, after which he attended

State College. He enlisted in the U. S. Medical Corps and was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he was assigned to the Veterinary Corps. He attended the Non-commissioned Officers' School and was made a sergeant. He was transferred to New York and assigned to Hospital Train No. 1, New York. During his career in the army he was in forty-one different states with the Hospital Train, taking wounded soldiers to various hospitals throughout the United States. He was discharged September 12, 1919, and returned to Karns City, where he became weigh boss for the Enterprise Coal Company, which position he held for three years. In 1925 he with Mr. Hays purchased a service station from Pickard & Sherwin, which they have since conducted in an able manner. They have two buildings, a storage capacity for thirty-five cars, and they also carry a complete line of confections, soft drinks, tobacco, as well as gas and oil, and automobile accessories. They have the only service station in town.

Mr. Stoops is a Republican and attends the United Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Argyle Lodge No. 540, Free and Accepted Masons, Chicora, Pennsylvania; New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., New Castle, Pennsylvania, and the American Legion. He has an extensive acquaintance throughout Butler County and is well liked.

Grover C. Fritz is a popular young business man of Karns City and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Petrolia, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1888, and is the son of Francis F. and Susan A. (Barrickman) Fritz.

Francis F. Fritz, deceased, was a well known business man of Petrolia for many years. He was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and in early life was interested in the oil fields of this section. Later he owned and operated a restaurant business at Petrolia and was successful. He died in 1909 and is buried at that place. He was a Democrat and served as tax collector for several terms. His widow, also born in Armstrong County, resides at Petrolia. To Mr. and Mrs. Fritz the following children were born: Frank, lives at Douglas, Kansas; Martha, married Grant Curry, lives at Jefferson Center, Pennsylvania; Lillian, married Edward Miller, lives at

Kittanning, Pennsylvania; Ella, married Louis Campbell, lives at Petrolia, Pennsylvania; Emma, married Jesse Curry, lives at DuBois, Pennsylvania; Georgia, at home; Grover C., the subject of this sketch; and Mary, married Arthur Osman, lives at Detroit, Michigan.

Grover C. Fritz was reared and educated at Petrolia, and at an early age went to Illinois, where he was interested in oil production. He returned to Petrolia in 1911 and the following year removed to Karns City, where he established his present business. Mr. Fritz owns and operates the Fritz Bowling & Billiard Hall, and in 1924 erected his modern business block on the site of the original structure, which was destroyed by fire in 1923. He also carries a complete line of confections and soft drinks.

In 1925 Mr. Fritz was united in marriage with Miss Florence Seibel, the daughter of John and Marie (Fisher) Seibel, of Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania.

During the World War Mr. Fritz volunteered for service in April, 1918, and was sent to Camp Humphreys, Virginia, where he was assigned to the Fifth Division. He was sent to France with the Seventh Engineers of that division and served in many important engagements of the war, including St. Mihiel and the Argonne. Mr. Fritz received two citations for distinguished service in action at Bruellier and Bois de Rapper. He was discharged at Camp Dix, New Jersey, August 5, 1919.

Mr. Fritz is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. Wilbert DeWitt Imbrie, a successful dentist of Petrolia and Harrisville, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession for twenty-six years, is a native of Ohio. He was born at Brownsville, and is the son of J. J. and Margaret Imbrie, both deceased.

Doctor Imbrie received his early education in the public schools of Harrisville and also attended West Sunbury Academy. He spent two years at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, which is now a part of the University of Maryland, and in 1901 was graduated from the dental department of the Western University of Pennsylvania.

He practiced at North Washington, Pennsylvania, for three years, and from there went to Clintonville, Pennsylvania. He has had offices at Petrolia since 1905 and in 1911 removed his Clintonville practice to Harrisville. He established a third office in 1926 at Eau Claire. Doctor Imbrie has two dentists in his employ and divides his time between the Harrisville and Petrolia offices, although he maintains his residence at Harrisville.

On June 2, 1915, Doctor Imbrie was united in marriage with Miss Alice Shidemantle, the daughter of Andrew and Sophia Shidemantle, of Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania, both deceased. Doctor and Mrs. Imbrie have a son, Wilbert DeWitt, Jr., born January 18, 1917.

Doctor Imbrie is a Republican and has served as auditor of Petrolia and as a member of the school board. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, is a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner, and a member of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and belongs to the Psi Omega fraternity. He is identified with the Pennsylvania State Dental Society, the American Dental Association, and the Odonological Society. Doctor Imbrie has always been progressive, public spirited, and is a citizen of real worth.

James H. Abrams, who is successfully engaged in the insurance business in Butler, is a member of one of the city's oldest and most highly esteemed families. He was born here, September 19, 1889, and is the son of Charles A. and Jean (Blakely) Abrams.

Charles Abrams, deceased, was for many years a leading business man of Butler, where he founded the present insurance firm of Abrams & Dale. He was a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, but spent the greater part of his life in Butler. His insurance and real estate business was one of the first of its kind to be established in this section and was founded in 1887. Mr. Abrams died in 1917, and his widow, a native of Pittsburgh, now lives with her daughter in Seattle, Washington. To Mr. and Mrs. Abrams three children were born: James H., the subject of this sketch; Louise, and Jean.

James H. Abrams spent his boyhood in Butler and received his education in the public schools. He was graduated from Bellefonte

Academy and attended Pennsylvania State College, and in 1909 became associated in business with his father. The present firm is composed of Mr. Abrams and David E. Dale, and they rank high among the leading and reliable insurance men in the city. They have offices at 246 South Main Street, Butler, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Abrams was married in 1912 to Miss Margaret McConnell, of Butler, the daughter of Niven and Margaret (Cameron) McConnell. They have a son, James H., Jr.

Politically Mr. Abrams is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Shrine, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and High Noon Club of Pittsburgh. Mr. Abrams and his family live at 524 East Fulton Street.

Edward M. Geibel, funeral director, is a reliable and well known young business man of Butler and a veteran of the World War. He was born in Butler County, September 21, 1892, and is the son of Jacob and Caroline (Heinterlang) Geibel.

Jacob Geibel was born in Summit Township, Butler County, and has spent his entire life in that section, where he has been supervisor of Summit Township for the last twenty years, and where he owns a well improved farm. His wife was born in Alsace-Lorraine and was eight years of age when her family came to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Geibel had eleven children, as follows: Barbara, married Henry Streitman, lives in Butler; Alphonse, lives in Butler; Lawrence, lives at Carbon Center, Pennsylvania; Edward M., the subject of this sketch; Agnes, New Castle, Pennsylvania; Sylvester, lives on the Geibel homestead; Walter and Nicholas, both deceased; Catherine, married Patrick Callahan, lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania; Alberta and Evelyn, both at Butler.

After completing his schooling in the district schools of Summit Township, Edward M. Geibel entered the employ of Stephen F. Brady, where he remained for five years. In 1920 he was graduated from the Eckels College of Embalming, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and took State Board of Undertakers in June, 1920, and received his

licenses in July, 1920. He was then associated with the undertaking firm of Stephen F. Brady. The following year he went to Saint Marys, Pennsylvania, and engaged in business there until July, 1926, when he purchased the business of Stephen F. Brady, undertaker, in Butler. Mr. Geibel has a modern and well equipped funeral home and is widely known in the city. His place of business is located at 124 East Jefferson Street.

On November 27, 1917, Mr. Geibel was united in marriage with Miss Cloetta Neigh, of Butler, the daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Leinenbach) Neigh. The former is deceased and the latter lives in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Geibel have four children: Wilmer, Walter, Eleanor, and Gerald.

Mr. Geibel is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus (fourth degree), Knights of St. George, Elks, Eagles, and Moose Lodge, American Legion, and Western Pennsylvania Funeral Directors' Association. During the World War Mr. Geibel volunteered for service and served at Camp Humphries with the Medical Corps.

H. L. Miller is a well known citizen of Butler County, where he has spent his entire life. He was born on a farm in Summit Township, December 3, 1877, and is the son of Nicholas and Catherine (Kehm) Miller.

Nicholas Miller was born in Pennsylvania. His wife was a native of Germany and came to this country with her parents when a young girl. She died in 1878 and is buried in South Cemetery, Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born three children: Carolina, deceased, was the wife of Fred Alrutz; Anna, married John Herrit, lives in Butler; and H. L., the subject of this sketch.

H. L. Miller spent his boyhood on the home place in Summit Township and attended the district schools. He continued to farm until 1906 when he became connected with the Valvoline Oil Works of East Butler, where he remained for six years. He then operated a dairy farm for two years and in July, 1915, entered the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company, with whom he was identified until June, 1926. Mr. Miller has since operated Miller's Service Station,

which is located on the Kittanning Road, about five miles east of Butler.

Mr. Miller married Miss Barbara Rettig, of Summit Township, the daughter of Adam and Mary Rettig. They have four children: Lester A., married Marie Byers, lives at East Butler and they have two children, Helen and Ernest; Arthur J., lives at Carbon Center, Pennsylvania, married Alice Baldoff; Roy W., lives at home; and Wilda, married Gilbert Fredericks, lives at Butler.

Mr. Miller is a Republican and a member of the Zion Lutheran Church.

J. Harry McKeown, one of Butler's progressive and well known young business men, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, August 4, 1896, and is the son of Bernard and Martha (Grey) McKeown.

Bernard McKeown is a native of Ireland. When he was sixteen years of age he came to this country and settled in Butler, where he has been employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company for thirty-two years. His wife died July 10, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. McKeown had the following children: May, married R. L. McAnallen July 15, 1927, living in Erie, Pennsylvania; J. Harry, the subject of this sketch; Agatha, died September 14, 1926; Bernard, lives in Butler; Mildred and Ethel, both at home.

J. Harry McKeown attended the public schools of Butler and in 1917 enlisted in the U. S. Navy for a period of four years. He was attached to the Thirteenth Navy District on the Pacific Coast and did patrol duty from Alaska to the Panama Canal. Mr. McKeown engaged in business in Butler in 1922 and is proprietor of the McKeown Electric Company at 117 East Diamond Street. He handles electrical appliances and equipment and has a well established business.

On May 6, 1921, Mr. McKeown was united in marriage with Miss Marian E. Yetter, of Butler, the daughter of Frank and Chloe (Harran) Yetter, residents of Marwood, Pennsylvania.

Mr. McKeown is independent in politics. He is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose and has a wide acquaintance in the city.

Arthur J. Covert, proprietor of the Covert Auto Supply Company, is a progressive young business man of Butler. He was born in Millstone, Elk County, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1904, and is the son of R. W. and Daisy D. (Bell) Covert.

R. W. Covert is a substantial citizen of Butler, where he has engaged in the general mercantile business for a number of years. His wife was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Covert have three children: Arthur J., the subject of this sketch; Beulah, a teacher in the public schools of Butler, lives at home; and Raymond G., a student.

Arthur J. Covert was educated in the public schools and was graduated from Butler High School in 1922. He then attended the Chicago Electrical Engineering School for eighteen months, after which he entered the employ of the Western Electric Company in that city. On January 21, 1924, Mr. Covert established his present business in Butler. He is local agent for the India Tire & Rubber Company and carries a complete line of automobile accessories. His well equipped shop is located at 355 Center Avenue.

Mr. Covert is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is unmarried.

Homer H. Sparks is a representative young business man of Butler, where he is associated with the real estate and auction firm of Rodgers & Sparks. He was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1894, and is the son of William A. and Florence M. (Snyder) Sparks.

William A. Sparks is a native of Venango County, Pennsylvania. In early life he engaged in general farming, but is now a well known painting and decorating contractor in Trumbull County, Ohio. His wife was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks had five children: Homer H., the subject of this sketch; G. Rexford; Charles W.; James E.; and Rodney E.

Homer H. Sparks secured his education in the public schools of Venango County and also attended Fredonia Institute in Mercer County. He entered the employ of the Goodyear Rubber Company at

an early age, and spent several years in Akron, Ohio, later with the International Truck Company in that city. He came to Butler in 1920 and engaged in the real estate and auction business. His present association with Mr. Rodgers was formed in 1926 and they have offices in the Boyd Building at 102 East Diamond Street. The firm specializes in suburban property and farms.

On September 10, 1916, Mr. Sparks was married to Miss Bertha H. Noe, the daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Bickler) Noe, of Akron, Ohio. They have two sons, William D. and Robert W.

Mr. Sparks is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is active in the affairs of the community in which he lives.

W. H. Goehring, senior member of the wholesale fruit and produce firm of Goehring & Company, of Butler, has been a resident of this city for forty-two years and is thoroughly identified with its business and other interests. He was born in Freeport, Pennsylvania, in 1864.

Mr. Goehring continued to reside in his native city until 1877. His boyhood was one of more or less hardship and from the age of eleven years he enjoyed little school advantages. At that time he was put to work in the old boat yards at Freeport, where coal barges were built. After leaving that work he entered the employ of the Pittsburgh & Western Railroad, which later became the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He worked first as a newsboy on the train and later as a brakeman on the line. Following his career for the next eight years it is found that he remained for that period in railroad work, in the meanwhile having been frequently promoted. When he retired from railroading he was occupying the position of extra passenger conductor, and had the honor of running the first standard gauge baggage car on the New Castle Division. Before leaving the railroad he had already become interested in the wholesale fruit and produce business and established himself at Butler, after a short residence at Zelienople. He conducted that business unaided for twenty-two years, doing his best and reaping satisfactory rewards for his efforts. Increasing demands with the extension of his trade

led to his admission of A. C. Richards to partnership in 1906, at which time the firm name of Goehring & Richards was adopted. Mr. Goehring is now associated with C. H. Forester and the business is located at 239 East Jefferson Street. This firm is the leading one of its kind in Butler and deals in wholesale fruit and produce, handling and shipping throughout the country.

In 1883 Mr. Goehring was married to Miss Katherine Shaffer, who was born at Harmony, Butler County, and who died in 1890. Two children survived her: Richard H., who resides at Boston, Massachusetts; and Florence, who is the wife of Thomas Deifenderfer, of Butler. Mr. Goehring was married the second time in 1896 to Miss Emma Cronewett, who is a daughter of the Rev. Cronewett, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Goehring are members. Their only child died in infancy.

Mr. Goehring is a member of the Butler Country Club, Kiwanis Club, and Sterling Club. He lives at 605 N. McKean Street.

James D. Walker, state mine inspector for the third bituminous district of Pennsylvania, is a representative and highly esteemed citizen of Butler, where he resides. He was born at Arnot, in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, June 19, 1879, and is the son of Robert M. and Agnes (Grant) Walker.

Robert M. Walker is a native of Scotland, born at Kirkintollough. He was eight years of age when he came to this country with a cousin and settled at McIntyre, Pennsylvania. Mr. Walker spent many years at Arnot and was interested in the anthracite coal mines of Clearfield County as superintendent of the Bloomington Coal Mining Company. His wife was born at Pittston, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Walker were born five children: James D., the subject of this sketch; Richard, lives at Valier, Pennsylvania; Agnes, married George McCoughey, lives at Horatio, Pennsylvania; Alice, married Merle Nimmo, lives at Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania; and Rea, lives at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

James D. Walker grew up at Arnot, Pennsylvania, and received his education in the public schools there. He worked in the coal mines

of Clearfield County when a very young boy. Later, he went to Cambria County, Pennsylvania, and from there to the coal mines of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and Westmoreland County. Mr. Walker went from there to Horatio, Pennsylvania, in 1898, and later served as mine foreman at Glen White, Pennsylvania, and Valier, Pennsylvania. He also was located at various times at Arbona, Nettleton, and Coalport, and in 1922 came to Butler, at which time he was made mine inspector, the capacity in which he now serves.

In 1902 Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Beachey, of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and they had two sons, Robert and James. In August, 1915, Mr. Walker married Miss Maude Hawksworth, of Strongstown, Pennsylvania, the daughter of W. Scott and Sarah (Duncan) Hawksworth, of Indiana County, Pennsylvania. To them have been born four children: Estella, Richard, Betty and Agnes.

Mr. Walker is affiliated with the following branches of the Masonic Lodge: Summit Lodge No. 312, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania; Royal Arch Chapter, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Masonic Council at Johnstown; Oriental Commandery at Johnstown; and Jaffa Temple, Altoona, Pennsylvania. He also belongs to the Tall Cedars, Ebensburg; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania; Rotary Club, Butler; Coal Mining Institute of America; and Mine Inspectors Institute of America. He has always been a Republican and holds membership in the Second Presbyterian Church.

George Galmish is a well known business man of Butler, where he is superintendent of the National Transit Company, 209 National Bank Building. He was born August 30, 1857, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, a son of Exiver and Pauline (Jenrepp) Galmish.

Exiver Galmish was born in France. In 1818 when he was nine years of age his family came to this country, the trip taking sixty-two days. They settled near Warren, Pennsylvania, where they remained three years, then removed to Crawford County, Pennsylvania, where the father followed farming. Exiver Galmish died in 1884. His wife, also a native of France, died in 1906.

George Galmish was reared on his father's farm in Crawford County and attended the district schools until he was sixteen years of age. He entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company in Kane, Pennsylvania, fifty years ago, and has been with this company ever since. He represented them in California for two years, spent ten years in West Virginia, and was also stationed at Olean, New York. In 1904 he came to Butler, where he is superintendent of the Butler Division of the National Transit Company.

Mr. Galmish married on February 14, 1901, Miss Nettie Prenatt of Meadville, Pennsylvania, and they have two children: Floreine, in Washington, District of Columbia; and Lucille, attending Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The family home is located at 228 Franklin Street.

Mr. Galmish is a Democrat and a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church. He is a substantial member of the community and a highly esteemed citizen.

Leon B. Dunham is prominent at Harrisville as the owner of Dunham's Roadside Gardens. He was born at Sandy Lake, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1888, and is the son of O. E. and Florence (Burnette) Dunham.

O. E. Dunham, of New Lebanon, Pennsylvania, is a native of Pennsylvania. He lived at Warren, Pennsylvania, for a great many years, where he was widely known as a successful building contractor. His wife is a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham have four sons: William E., lives at Newton Highlands, Massachusetts; Leon B., the subject of this sketch; Donald, at home; and John W., who is associated in business with his father.

Leon B. Dunham spent his boyhood at Warren and received his early education in the public schools there. He then attended the Pennsylvania State Forestry School at Mt. Alto, Pennsylvania, and began his business career with the Hershey Chocolate Company as manager of the company's parks at Hershey, Pennsylvania. He served for two years as borough forester at Warren, Pennsylvania, and then as manager of the Ellsworth (Pennsylvania) Farms. Mr.

Dunham was also assistant secretary of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, in complete charge of agricultural development, and served as food commissioner of northern Ohio during the World War. For several years he was connected with the Keystone Fertilizer Company at Hartstown, Pennsylvania. Since 1923 Mr. Dunham has been interested in the floral business with greenhouses at Harrisville, where he has 3,200 square feet under glass and also a ten acre nursery. He specializes in the raising of cut flowers and potted plants as well as hardy perennials, shrubs, trees and evergreens, and has an extensive business throughout the community.

On April 28, 1917, Mr. Dunham was united in marriage with Miss Ethel Weston of Jamestown, New York, the daughter of Harry and Clara (Johnson) Weston. They have six children: Richard, Robert, Dorothy, Roger, Marjorie Ann, and Jean Marie.

Mr. Dunham is a member of the Park Presbyterian Church at Erie, Pennsylvania, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. In politics he is a Republican.

Carl G. Humphreys, popular young business man of Worth Township, is a member of one of Butler County's most prominent pioneer families. He was born in this township, February 25, 1892, and is the son of William H. and Sadie (Hay) Humphreys.

William H. Humphreys was born on a farm in Worth Township and is the son of John Humphreys, also a native of this county. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Humphreys had eleven children, as follows: Roy, lives on the old homestead in Worth Township; Mina, married Frank Shields, lives in Worth Township; Fern, married H. L. Glenn, lives in Scott Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania; Frank, lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania; Carl G., the subject of this sketch; Howard, lives in Worth Township; Floyd, a World War veteran, lives in Worth Township; Edwin, lives in Worth Township; Lois, married George Book, lives in Worth Township; Victor, lives at Joxville; and Jennings, lives at Joxville.

Carl G. Humphreys attended the public schools of Worth Township and began his business career with the Hays Drug Company in

Butler. Later he farmed for seven years and in 1923 settled in Joxville, where he established his present business. He carries a complete line of general merchandise, and also deals in farm implements. Mr. Humphreys became interested in the timber business in 1926 and operates a large sawmill in Worth Township, where he employs a force of ten men.

On October 9, 1912, Mr. Humphreys was united in marriage with Miss Florence Butler, the daughter of W. F. and Minnie (Anderson) Butler, of New Kensington, Pennsylvania. They have two sons, Floyd and Norma.

Mr. Humphreys is a Democrat, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

James F. Megan, who is identified with the Butler County Oil Company, is a leading business man and representative citizen of Butler. He was born at Oil City, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1890, and is the son of Lawrence and Mary (Collins) Megan.

Lawrence Megan was born at Cleveland, Ohio. Before coming to Butler he spent many years at Bayonne, New Jersey, where he was identified with the Standard Oil Company and later with the Alvoline Oil Company for fifteen years. For the past six years he has been connected with the Butler County Oil Company in an official capacity. His wife was born in Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Megan had only one child, James F., the subject of this sketch.

James F. Megan attended the public schools of Bayonne, New Jersey, and was graduated from Chester (Pennsylvania) High School. He then attended Casino Technical School in Pittsburgh and began his business career with the Standard Oil Company. Later he went with the Alvoline Oil Company, and since 1920 has been connected with the sales department of the Butler County Oil Company.

In September, 1912, Mr. Megan was united in marriage with Miss Hazel Henshaw, of Butler. They have three children: Carl, Valjean, and Dorothy.

Mr. Megan is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Elks Lodge. He is a Republican.

George H. Bicker is a prosperous farmer of Winfield Township, and a member of one of Butler County's prominent pioneer families. He was born on the Bicker homestead in Winfield Township, August 20, 1880, and is the son of Herman Louis and Frederica (Bienecke) Bicker.

Herman Louis Bicker, retired, is a native of Winfield Township, and the son of Rev. Henry Herman Bicker, one of the county's first settlers. Herman Louis Bicker was a blacksmith by trade and a farmer and spent most of his life on the old homestead in this township. He has lived retired since 1920. Mr. Bicker is active in local politics and has served as justice of the peace. His wife was born in Pittsburgh. To Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bicker were born seven children, as follows: William H., lives in Pittsburgh; Frank L., lives at Zelienople, Pennsylvania; Charlotte E., deceased; George H., the subject of this sketch; Ida, deceased; Harvey, lives at Natoma, California; and Fred, lives at Pittsburgh.

George H. Bicker has always lived on the family homestead. He was educated in the district schools and the correspondence courses of Pennsylvania State College and at an early age became interested in farming with his father. In 1919 he became owner of the farm, which contains 120 acres of well improved land. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture and served as chairman of farmers institutes of Butler County.

On November 16, 1910, Mr. Bicker was united in marriage with Miss Pauline Gundlach, of Winfield Township, Butler County, the daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Wetzel) Gundlach. Mr. Gundlach, retired, is a native of Butler County, as is his wife. They have the following children: Pauline Bicker; H. A. and Anna, both at home; Alice, married Milton Heller, lives in Winfield Township; Esther, a nurse, lives at Butler; John and Ruth, both at home. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bicker, as follows: Ida E.; Esther F.; Helen Louise; George H., Jr., died in November, 1920, at the age of two years; Robert Henry; and Rachael.

Politically, Mr. Bicker is a Republican and he is serving as justice of the peace. At present he is a candidate for nomination for the office of prothonotary of Butler County. He is a member of Zion Evangelical Church, and belongs to the F. and A. M., Butler No. 272,

Consistory, New Castle, Lorraine Commandery No. 87, Knights Templar, and Knights of Pythias, Saxonburg. Mr. Bicker is active in all work of the Grange, being identified with the county, state, and national organizations.

Nicholas P. Serianni is among the widely known musicians of Butler, where he is a teacher of piano, violin, and brass instruments. He was born at Motta St. Lucia, Italy, May 17, 1893, and is the son of Joseph A. and Marie (Marosco) Serianni.

Joseph A. Serianni came to this country a number of years ago and settled at Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he successfully engaged in the road building business. He later returned to his native land, Italy, where he now lives retired.

Nicholas P. Serianni secured his education in the public schools of Italy and studied music at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Naples. After his arrival in this country he continued his studies. He has conducted his studio at 229 South Main Street since March, 1917, and is well known in the city. He is also conductor of the Italian Band of Butler.

Mr. Serianni is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and Sons of Italy. He is unmarried.

J. Floyd McClymonds, editor of the Slippery Rock Signal, is a progressive business man and representative citizen of Butler County. He was born at Slippery Rock, August 12, 1898, and is the son of Robert C. and Edna (Montgomery) McClymonds.

Robert C. McClymonds was born at Edinboro, Pennsylvania, and has spent his entire life in Pennsylvania. He now lives at Grove City, where he is a well known publisher. His wife is a native of Grove City, Pennsylvania. J. Floyd, the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

J. Floyd McClymonds attended the public schools of Edinboro and Albion and for some time was interested in the newspaper business

at Albion. From there he went to Grove City, and in July, 1925, began publishing the Slippery Rock Signal, a weekly newspaper. The plant is located at Grove City and Mr. McClymonds is also extensively interested in job printing.

On August 17, 1921, Mr. McClymonds was united in marriage with Miss Dorothy Billington, of Albion, Pennsylvania, the daughter of J. A. and Nellie G. (Baker) Billington. They have a daughter, Anna Mae.

Mr. McClymonds is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he has always been a Republican.

Harry C. Yockey, an enterprising and well known druggist of Zelienople, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Armstrong County, and is the son of J. C. and Laura M. (Rhodes) Yockey.

J. C. Yockey was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, about 1860. In early life he was interested in the lumber business and operated a large mill at Kittanning, Pennsylvania. Later, he removed to Butler County and after a short time went west on account of ill health. Since his return to Butler County Mr. Yockey has made his home with his son at Zelienople. His wife died many years ago. To Mr. and Mrs. Yockey were born two children: Harry C., the subject of this sketch; and Florence C., who died at the age of two years.

Harry C. Yockey grew up in Armstrong County and attended the district schools. When he was seventeen years old he came to Butler and worked in the car shops for several years. He then clerked in the store of R. A. Reed in Butler, and later studied pharmacy in Pittsburgh, where he received his degree in 1911. The following year Mr. Yockey came to Zelienople and purchased the drug business of A. Sitler. In 1919 he purchased his present place of business, where he conducts one of the finest and largest drug shops in the city. Mr. Yockey is a prescription specialist.

On November 7, 1912, Mr. Yockey was married to Miss Mary E. Davy, who was a teacher in the public schools of Butler before her marriage. She is the daughter of F. H. and Catherine (Moon) Davy.

Mr. Davy was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1854. He was a farmer until 1894, when he removed to Butler and engaged in the meat business in that city. Later he retired and devoted his entire time to local politics. He was elected justice of the peace at Butler in May, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Davy have three children: George H., Mary E. Yockey, and Ella. To Mr. and Mrs. Yockey were born three sons: Robert H., born March 3, 1916; John Davy, born May 15, 1922; and George Edward, born April 14, 1924.

Mr. Yockey is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Rotary Club. He is a reliable citizen and merits the esteem in which he is held in the community.

Patrick Ritzert is a progressive and enterprising business man of Harrisville, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born here, April 1, 1872, and is the son of John L. and Ann (Jackson) Ritzert.

John L. Ritzert, deceased, was a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He settled in Butler County in 1868 and at that time engaged in the general mercantile business at Harrisville. He conducted this business successfully until the time of his death, which occurred in 1909. His wife, a native of Butler County, died in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Ritzert had nine children, as follows: Patrick, Frederick, Annie, John, Albert, Sophia, Mabel, Florence and Earl.

Patrick Ritzert attended the district schools and was graduated from Grove City High School. In 1893 he became associated in business with his father and since that time has devoted his entire time to the general mercantile and hardware business at Harrisville. He also owns and operates a popular gasoline filling station at this place.

Mr. Ritzert married Miss Margaret Collins, the daughter of Peter Collins, deceased. They have two children, Peter and Gertrude.

Mr. Ritzert is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. He is well known and liked in the community where he has spent so many years.

Fred Wagner, postmaster of Boyers, is a well known and highly respected citizen of Butler County. He was born at Boyers, August 2, 1882, and is the son of John W. and Ann (Whitford) Wagner.

John W. Wagner, retired, is a native of Pennsylvania. He settled in Butler County about forty years ago and has been extensively interested in oil production in this district. He resides at Boyers. His wife was born in Butler County and is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wagner were born five children: Charles, Fred, Frank, Clarence, and Ruth, all residents of Boyers.

Fred Wagner spent his boyhood here and received his education in the public schools. He spent seven years in the oil fields of Oklahoma as a driller, and in 1911 returned to Boyers. He is operating a garage and repair shop at this place, and is also serving as postmaster, having accepted that office in 1925.

In 1916 Mr. Wagner was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Jackson, the daughter of Jacob L. and Sarah (Cummings) Jackson, both deceased. They have two children, Margaret and Mabel.

Mr. Wagner is a Republican and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias. He served as school director from 1920 until 1924.

C. L. Osborne is a dependable citizen of Harmony, where he is superintendent of the Harmony Traction Line of the Pittsburgh Railroad, Light & Power Company. He was born at Athens, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1886, and is the son of Charles L. and Anna (Sanders) Osborne.

Charles L. Osborne was born at Athens, Pennsylvania, in 1865 and died in 1903. He was an engineer and was engaged in bridge construction work throughout Pennsylvania. He was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. His widow, born at Owego, New York, resides at Elmira, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne had two children: C. L., the subject of this sketch; and Edna, married J. C. Justin, lives at Elmira, New York.

C. L. Osborne was educated in the schools of Athens, Pennsylvania, and later attended the schools of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York. He was then appointed superintendent of

equipment of the Pittsburgh Railroad, Light & Power Company, and later made assistant superintendent of the Harmony Traction Line. He is now superintendent. Mr. Osborne resides at Zelienople.

Mr. Osborne was married first to Miss Catherine Haines, of Athens, Pennsylvania. She died in 1913, leaving a daughter, Catherine Anna. In 1917 Mr. Osborne married Miss Edna F. Strutt, who died in 1920, leaving a son, John Charles. Both of Mr. Osborne's children live with his mother at Elmira, New York.

Mr. Osborne is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks Lodge, and Rotary Club.

O. W. Shoup, who has successfully engaged in the hardware business at Evans City since 1879, is a representative citizen of the community and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Butler County. He was born in Evans City, Forward Township, August 1, 1858, and is the son of Jacob and Barbara (Knauff) Shoup.

Jacob Shoup was born in Germany in 1824 and was the son of John Martin Shoup. He was born in Germany, April 17, 1792, and died at Evans City, June 22, 1856. He was a prosperous farmer, and his son, Jacob, also followed general farming on the old homestead in Forward Township. He was a musician in the first band of Butler County and for years was a leader of the choir of the German Reformed Church at Evans City. Mr. Shoup died in October, 1895, and his wife, who was born near Zelienople, Pennsylvania, November 8, 1827, died March 12, 1902. Both are buried at Evans City. Mr. and Mrs. Shoup were the parents of eight children, as follows: Sophia, born January 30, 1850, died May 23, 1911, was the wife of George Ehrman, of Evans City; Amelia, born October 3, 1852, died June 8, 1861; Phillip, born October 28, 1855, died July 5, 1909; O. W., the subject of this sketch; Michael, born June 8, 1863, died December 4, 1893; Edward, born October 9, 1865, died November 8, 1884; Albert, born October 18, 1869, died August 26, 1895; and Laura, born December 23, 1871, died September 12, 1923.

O. W. Shoup grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He learned the tinner's trade and fol-

lowed that for several years. In 1879 he organized the first hardware business in the city and since that time has conducted his shop, it being the pioneer place of business at Evans City. Mr. Shoup also has extensive oil interests throughout the county and is a charter member of the Pure Oil Pipe Line Company.

On July 6, 1893, Mr. Shoup was united in marriage with Miss Magdalene Haberlin, who was born at Pittsburgh, January 8, 1871, the daughter of Adolphus and Caroline (Wolf) Haberlin, both deceased. Mr. Haberlin was born in Germany, January 23, 1824, and died June 3, 1902. His wife was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1841, and died August 12, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Shoup have a son, John Wesley.

John Wesley Shoup was born at Evans City, December 31, 1894, and was educated in the public and high schools of Butler. He has been associated with his father's business since completing his schooling and is one of the progressive young business men of the community. Mr. Shoup is a veteran of the World War, having enlisted December 13, 1917. He served in France with Battery E, Three Hundred and Twenty-second Light Field Artillery, and was also in Germany with the Army of Occupation. He was discharged in May, 1919. Mr. Shoup was married May 26, 1926, to Miss Emma Pfeifer, of Adams Township, Butler County.

O. W. Shoup is a Republican and has served as a member of the city council for one term. He was a member of the Reformed Church and his wife holds membership in the St. John Reformed Church.

William C. Shaffer. Among the representative young business men of Butler County is William C. Shaffer, a veteran of the World War, who is identified with the Fenelton Coal Company at Fenelton. He was born at Kittanning, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1897, and is the son of Charles F. and Sarah (Jones) Shaffer.

Charles F. Shaffer has always lived at Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and for many years has been in the employ of the Ford City Glass Company as a millwright. His wife was born in England and was four years old when she came to this country with an aunt. Mrs. Shaffer died in 1906. The following children were born to Mr. and

Mrs. Shaffer: James, deceased; Francis, lives at Worthington, Pennsylvania; William C., the subject of this sketch; Margaret; and Isabel.

After completing his schooling in the schools of Marion Township, Butler County, William C. Shaffer entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a carpenter. On May 24, 1917, he volunteered for service in the World War and was sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas, where he was attached to the Seventy-ninth Field Artillery, Seventh Division. He served in France for more than a year. Upon his return to Butler County, Mr. Shaffer was again employed by the railroad. In 1920 he came to Fenelon and has since been a member of the board of directors of the Fenelon Coal Company.

On September 20, 1920, Mr. Shaffer married Miss Anna Fennell, the daughter of W. S. Fennell, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. They have two daughters, Audrey and Eva.

Mr. Shaffer is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and American Legion.

Dr. Harry Randolph Wilson, of Evans City, ranks among the leading and successful physicians and surgeons of Butler County. He was born at Harmony, Pennsylvania, and is the son of Andrew Henderson and Jennie Graham (Spiers) Wilson.

Andrew Henderson Wilson, deceased, was a native of Butler County, and spent most of his life in Jackson Township. He was a wagon maker by trade and for forty years was a resident of Harmony, where he owned a shop. Mr. Wilson died in 1907 at the age of eighty years and is buried at Zelienople. He was a Democrat and a life long member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife was born in Scotland and before her marriage was a resident of Nashville, Tennessee. She died in 1924 at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had the following children: John H., an attorney, lives at Butler; Mrs. S. G. Lockwood, lives at Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. A. A. Campbell, lives at Zelienople; and Harry Randolph, the subject of this sketch.

Harry Randolph Wilson received his early education in the public schools of Harmony and then attended Grove City College. He was

a teacher in the schools of Butler County for several years and then took up the study of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received his degree in 1900. He then engaged in practice at Callery, Pennsylvania, where he was located from 1902 until 1918. He has since practiced at Evans City.

Doctor Wilson was married December 12, 1912, to Miss Jessie Alexander, a native of Mercer, Pennsylvania, and the daughter of T. E. and Myrtle Alexander. They have two children: Margaret Elizabeth, born in 1916; and Harry Randolph, Jr., born in 1920.

Doctor Wilson has always been a Democrat. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, thirty-second degree, Knights Templar and Shrine, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Doctor Wilson is identified with the Butler County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and American Medical Association.

George W. Kepple, one of Chicora's successful business men and leading citizens, is a native of Butler County. He was born August 31, 1865, and is the son of William and Phoebe (Pontius) Kepple.

William Kepple was born in Butler County, but spent the greater part of his life in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, where he was extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising. He died in 1909 and his wife, a native of Butler County, died in 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Kepple were the parents of seven children, as follows: Lewis H., lives at Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; George W., the subject of this sketch; Emma, married Dale King; Carrie, married W. H. Christie, lives at Youngstown, Ohio; Maude, married H. C. Ellenberger, lives at Youngstown, Ohio; Gertrude, married W. H. Strott, lives at Tarentum, Pennsylvania; and Ella, married V. M. McIntyre, lives at Kaylor, Pennsylvania.

George W. Kepple attended the district schools of Armstrong County and at an early age worked in the oil fields of this section. In 1909 he located at Chicora and accepted his present position as superintendent of the pipe lines of the Bruin Oil Company.

In 1886 Mr. Kepple was married to Miss Nancy E. Thompson, of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of James and Mary

Thompson. They had two children: Edith, who lives at home; and Harry, who died in 1920.

Mr. Kepple is a Republican and is president of the local school board, of which he has been a member for eight years. He is also president of the Chicora Board of Trade. Mr. Kepple is a member of the First Lutheran Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

John A. Brandon, of Connoquenessing, is well and favorably known throughout Butler County, where he has spent his entire life. He was born on a farm in Forward Township, July 30, 1853, and is the son of James and Susan A. (Bolton) Brandon.

James Brandon, deceased, was a native of Forward Township, Butler County, and for many years was a leading farmer and citizen of this section. He took an active part in the affairs of the community in which he lived and for a number of years was lieutenant of the Home Guards. Mr. Brandon died March 30, 1905, and his wife, who was born in Connoquenessing Township, Butler County, died April 23, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Brandon had the following children: Jennie Brandon Ray, deceased; Mathew Henderson, lives at Connoquenessing; John A., the subject of this sketch; and William Seward, deceased.

John A. Brandon spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools of Forward Township. He also attended Witherspoon Institute and for a period of fifteen years was a teacher in the schools of Forward and Connoquenessing townships, serving as assistant to Prof. W. I. Brugh, who at that time was principal of Witherspoon Institute. In 1880 Mr. Brandon was appointed enumerator of the census in Forward Township. He also held the office of school director of Forward and Connoquenessing townships for many years. Mr. Brandon is now a mail carrier and lives at Connoquenessing.

On May 27, 1880, Mr. Brandon was united in marriage with Miss Susan C. Brandon, of Connoquenessing Township, Butler County, the daughter of John W. Brandon and Ruth A. C. (Beighley) Brandon,

natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Brandon died September 9, 1890, and his wife died January 3, 1911. To John A. and Susan C. (Brandon) Brandon were born six children, as follows: Mora A. Anderson, lives at Evans City, R. F. D. No. 3; Clara E., deceased; Ada B., lives at Connoquenessing, Pennsylvania; Mary L., deceased; Lawrence A., deceased; and S. Ruth Sanderson, lives at Prospect, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Brandon has always been a Republican. For many years he was identified with the Mt. Nebo Presbyterian Church of Whites-town, serving as ruling elder in Mt. Nebo Church for twenty-eight years, but for the past five years he has held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Connoquenessing.

Jacob Gross and Susanne, his wife, came to Zelienople from "east of the mountains" in 1814. They were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of which Mr. Gross was the first elder.

They had thirteen children—one son was killed in the Mexican War and three in the Civil War. The eldest daughter married Conrad Van Schutt in 1836. He was the son of Barend Van Schutt and Catharine Adelheit of Amsterdam, Holland, and came to America in 1823, stayed in Baltimore, Maryland, until 1835, when, tiring of city life, he journeyed to Zelienople, where he remained until his death at the age of forty-four. He dropped the "Van" in his name when he came to this country, as he said that it was not needed in democratic America. Thereafter he was known as Conrad Schutt. He was a refined, educated, Christian gentleman. He and his wife were members of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church but left that church when the English Lutheran Church was organized, of which they were charter members.

To them were born the following children: Henry, a veteran of the Civil War, badly crippled from loss of arm and other wounds received in battle of Chancellorsville; Charles, killed in same battle; William, who died in childhood; Theresa, who married Philip Milleman, a merchant of Zelienople; Emma, who married Capt. I. R. Boggs of Pittsburgh; and Matilda Beighley-Teeple. The latter is the only surviving member of the Schutt family.

Matilda Schutt married Henry Baughman Beighley March 19, 1878. Mr. Beighley was born on a farm near Whitestown, Pennsylvania, and was a veteran of the Civil War, was first sergeant in the Pennsylvania Cavalry, Twenty-second Regiment, Company G, and known as the Ringgold Battalion. After his discharge he went to Central City, Colorado. He was an intimate friend of the late Henry M. Teller of that city. He became proprietor of the Rocky Mountain Freight Line from Floyd Hill to Central City and Georgetown until the C. S. R. R. extended a branch to Georgetown.

By the untiring efforts of his brother, I. N. Beighley, proof of the Beighley lineage was found back to the time when his remote ancestor, facing death by beheading, stood before Louis XIV of France and, when asked how he dared defy his king's commands, took a small Bible from his pocket, and, holding it up, said, "By this Book I live, and I obey its laws." The king was so impressed by his courage that he not only spared his life but gave him a responsible position. This history can be found in the Library of Congress in Washington, together with the Beighley coat of arms commemorative of the above event.

Mr. Beighley was killed by accident, February 7, 1893, and his widow and son returned to Zelienople. In 1899 she married Horatio Nelson Teeple, a native of Woodstock, Canada, who came to this country in early manhood. He was a bridge builder and had contracts in different parts of this country, also in South America and Mexico. After his marriage to Mrs. Beighley he settled in Zelienople and for the last twelve years of his life was justice of the peace. He was a member of the English Lutheran Church. He died September 24, 1912.

Mrs. Teeple's son, by her first marriage, Herbert Baughman Beighley married Mary Alexandrina Murray of New York City, June 9, 1914. They have two children, Herbert Baughman, Jr., and Jean Murray. Herbert B. Beighley resides at Zelienople, Pennsylvania, and is secretary-treasurer of Plympton Refrigerator Company, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the English Lutheran Church, Zelienople, Pennsylvania, and treasurer of same; is past master of Harmony Lodge No. 429, F. and A. M., member of New Castle Consistory A. A. S. R., and a member of Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.,

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Teeple, with the exception of fifteen years in Colorado, has spent her life in Zelienople, the place of her birth. She has always been active in church, club and town affairs, freely giving of herself for all good causes, and besides being an enthusiastic devotee of literature, has contributed many short stories depicting her varied and interesting experiences throughout her life.

John R. Henninger, successor of Judge Reiber on the bench, is a son of Frederick and Mary A. Henninger, and was born in Penn Township, Butler County, April 12, 1870. He attended the public schools of his native township and Edinboro and Clarion State Normal schools, from the latter of which he graduated in 1892. After teaching school for several years he attended and was graduated from Dickinson Law School with the degree of B. L. in 1896, whereupon he was admitted to the bar of Butler County and subsequently to the bars of the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania and of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He served as district attorney of Butler County for the three years 1902 to 1905. In 1921 he formed a partnership for the practice of law with his son, Zeno F. Henninger, under the firm name of Henninger & Henninger. In 1923 he became the nominee of the Democratic party for the office of judge of the courts of Butler County, to which office he was elected, assuming the duties as president judge in January, 1924.

Judge Henninger's experience in the office of district attorney and in the conduct of a large general practice, in which he had eminent success, well qualified him for the performance of his duties on the bench. He is a hard worker and a deep student of the law and has succeeded in bringing and keeping the business of the courts up to date, in addition to which work he has found time to assist in the courts of a number of other counties in the state. His work on the bench has been performed with marked ability and a conscientious regard for its exacting duties.

In 1897 Mr. Henninger married Margaret Weber of Penn Township. They have four children: Zeno F., a member of the bar of

Butler County; Margaret H., Mary E. and Ruth L. He is a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Butler.

Levi Rose, a farmer who lives at Connoquenessing, is a highly respected citizen of Butler County, where he has spent his entire life. He was born in Connoquenessing Township, Butler County, and is the son of John M. and Martha (Steen) Rose.

John M. Rose, deceased, was a native of Butler County. Both he and his wife spent their lives in this section. They had five children, one of whom is deceased, Samuel.

After completing his schooling in the district schools of Connoquenessing Township, Levi Rose followed general farming and stock raising. Later he worked in the oil fields and now is farming fifty acres of land. He served as justice of the peace for six years of Connoquenessing Borough.

On June 5, 1902, Mr. Rose was married to Miss Maude M. Shannon, a native of Butler County, and the daughter of C. E. and Florence (Henry) Shannon. Mr. Shannon lives at Butler and his wife is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Rose were born six children, as follows: Myrtle, Adele, Martha Florence, Ethel Ruth, Gail LeRoy, and Edith Jane.

Mr. Rose has always been a Republican. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Evans City.

William R. Adair is a representative citizen of Mars, where he is superintendent of the Pittsburgh, Mars & Butler Railway Company. He was born at Amesville, Ohio, January 4, 1884, and is the son of Dr. William A. and Lucy A. (Patterson) Adair.

Dr. William A. Adair, deceased, was a native of Ohio. He spent his early life at Barnesville, and studied medicine and surgery at the University of Cincinnati. He then engaged in practice at Amesville and was the leading physician of that place for thirty years. He died

in 1897 at the age of fifty-five years, and his widow, who was born at Amesville, Ohio, still resides there. Doctor and Mrs. Adair were the parents of the following children: Eleanor, married F. H. Gifford, lives at Amesville, Ohio; Rena Blanche, married Thomas E. Clark, lives at Athens, Ohio; Ernest Patterson, married Pansy Meadows, lives at Huntington, West Virginia; and William R., the subject of this sketch.

William R. Adair was reared at Amesville and received his early schooling there. He was graduated from Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, in 1905, and began his business career with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, with whom he was identified until 1908. Mr. Adair then came to Mars and entered the employ of the Pittsburgh and Butler Street Railway Company, now called the Pittsburgh, Mars & Butler Railway Company. In 1913 he was promoted to superintendent of equipment, mechanical department. In 1927 he was promoted to superintendent of the entire road.

On September 25, 1919, Mr. Adair was married to Miss Rose D. Curtis, the daughter of Nettie and Carrie Curtis, both deceased. They have a daughter, Martha Jeannette.

Mr. Adair is a member of the Mars Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Masonic Club, Consistory, and Syria Shrine. He is identified with the American Electric Railway Association, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania and the Butler Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Adair is a Republican.

C. Hale Sipe, author of this history, was born on the old Sipe homestead, near Slate Lick, South Buffalo Township, November 16, 1880, a son of H. H. Sipe (sometimes written Sipes) and Mary Golden Sipe. Mr. Sipe was educated in the public schools of South Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Slate Lick Academy, and Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Sipe taught a number of terms of the school in Armstrong County, and for several terms was principal of the public schools of Worthington, of that county, and

also of the Worthington Academy. He came to Butler in the spring of 1907, and also taught in Butler County. His teaching in Butler County was as principal of the Penn Township High School, of Renfrew, and in the Butler High School.

Mr. Sipe was admitted to the Butler bar on February 22, 1909, after pursuing his legal studies in the office of the late Levi M. Wise, Esq., who was his legal preceptor. While continuing his legal studies, he was principal of the Lyndora Foreign School, a night school for adult foreigners, in the suburb of Lyndora. After his admission to the Butler bar, Mr. Sipe practiced for some years with the late Levi M. Wise, and in the spring of 1914 entered the service of the United States Government, as deputy collector of income taxes. His rise in the government service was rapid, and he became a revenue agent in the Estate Tax Department. While engaged in this service, he investigated some of the largest estates in western Pennsylvania and in surrounding states. He resigned from the government service after the signing of the armistice and began the practice of law in Pittsburgh, in connection with George J. Campbell, Esq., editor of the Pittsburgh Legal Journal. In the autumn of 1923, he returned to Butler as counsel for the Butler County Oil Refining Company, and, on April 1, 1925, formed a law partnership with ex-Judge Aaron E. Reiber and Charles F. Hosford, Jr., with offices in the Reiber Building.

Mr. Sipe is a lover of American history, and has found time to write two historical works, which have been very well received. In 1924 he wrote a handbook on the life of George Washington, entitled "Mount Vernon and the Washington Family." This book is already in its fourth edition. In the spring of 1927 he published a large volume entitled "The Indian Chiefs of Pennsylvania," which is a story of the part played by the American Indian in the history of Pennsylvania, based primarily on the Pennsylvania Archives and the Colonial Records. Dr. George P. Donehoo, for many years state librarian of Pennsylvania, a member of the staff of the Smithsonian Institution Bureau of American Ethnology, and author of "Pennsylvania—A History," read the entire manuscript of "The Indian Chiefs of Pennsylvania," and wrote a very flattering endorsement of the same, as well as the introduction for the book. "The Indian Chiefs of Pennsylvania" has already had a very large sale throughout Pennsylvania and

surrounding states. Orders also have been received from foreign countries.

The erection of the "Washington Marker," on Buhl's Hill on the Evans City-Connoquenessing Road, in 1925, had its inception in Mr. Sipe's efforts. He wrote an article for the Butler Eagle, urging the marking of the approximate spot, in the vicinity of this marker, where George Washington was fired upon by the hostile Indian on the evening of December 27, 1753, as he and Christopher Gist were returning from Washington's historic mission to Venango and Fort LeBoueff. Mr. Sipe's article aroused considerable interest, and later ex-Judge Aaron E. Reiber, Capt. James A. McKee and Mr. Sipe were appointed a committee for the erection of the marker.

In both paternal and maternal lines Mr. Sipe is descended from old Pennsylvania stock, one of his ancestors having come to Pennsylvania in 1693. The old Sipe homestead, on which he was born, in Armstrong County, has been in the Sipe family since 1795, descending from father to son.

In politics Mr. Sipe is Independent. In national elections he has generally voted Democratic, but during the last two national elections, voted Republican. Religiously he is a Lutheran, being a member of the First English Lutheran Church of Butler. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias, a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, generally known as the Farmers Grange, and holds membership in the Sterling Club of Butler.

Mr. Sipe's brothers and sisters are: Charles Krauth, a former school teacher and deputy collector of revenue, at the present time operating the old homestead; Barbara, a well-known school teacher of Armstrong County, residing on the old homestead; Alice, now deceased; Rev. H. H., Jr., a missionary of the United Lutheran Church, in charge of the Lutheran Mission College at Guntur, India; William George, who died in infancy; David Golden, employed in the gas field in Greene County, and residing at Waynesburg; John Luther, who was a member of Squadron B, United States Air Force during the World War, and was killed in the line of duty at Payne Field, Mississippi, on October 26, 1918; Alameda, wife of Clarence C. Keesey, residing at Schenley, Armstrong County; and Florence, the wife of Abrey Polliard, residing at Brackenridge, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sipe was married February 18, 1925, to Miss Cleo V. McKee, a graduate of the Slippery Rock State Normal School, teacher in the public schools of Knoxville, Pittsburgh, and a daughter of the late Dr. J. W. and Amanda King McKee, of Cochran's Mills, Armstrong County.

James Oliver Campbell, son of T. Chalmers and Juliette (Estep) Campbell, was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1880. After graduation from Butler High School he graduated from Washington and Jefferson College with the degree of A. B. in 1902. After teaching in Butler High School for a short time, he studied law in the office of his father, was admitted to the bar of Butler County June 3, 1907, and subsequently to the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania, the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and the courts of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

He served as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives during the sessions of 1915 and 1917, was elected district attorney of Butler County for a four-year term in 1919, and served as such from January, 1920, to January, 1923, resigning that office to accept an appointment as first deputy attorney general of Pennsylvania, which office he held for four years, from January, 1923, to January, 1927.

September 1, 1923, Mr. Campbell married Helen M. Hoyer, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. They have one child: Helen Margaret.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Butler, of Connoquenessing Lodge I. O. O. F. of Butler, and served as a member of the board of directors of the Butler Y. M. C. A. from 1904 to 1924, of which association he was secretary from 1904 to 1906 and treasurer from 1906 to 1915. He attended the military training camp at Plattsburg, New York, during July, 1916, volunteered and attended the Reserve Officers Training Camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, in 1917, from which he was commissioned a captain, infantry, Reserve Officers Corps, and assigned to the Forty-sixth U. S. Infantry, Ninth Division.

August 23, 1918, he was commissioned major, infantry, U. S. A., and was discharged from the service May 20, 1919.

Armand Cingolani. Among the most capable of the younger attorneys of Butler is Armand Cingolani, who has offices at 257 South McKean Street. He was born in Rome, Italy, January 8, 1901, and is the son of Louis and Julia (D'Onopio) Cingolani.

Louis Cingolani, deceased, spent his entire life in Italy and was a sculptor. He died in 1904 and shortly after his death his widow and children emigrated to this country and settled in Butler, where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Cingolani had the following children: Armand, the subject of this sketch; Hilda; Joseph; and Mary.

Armand Cingolani received his early schooling in Butler and in 1923 was graduated from the Law School of Duquesne University. He was admitted to the bar of Butler County in 1925 after having spent almost two years in the law offices of Murrin & Murrin in Butler. Mr. Cingolani then established his private practice.

In politics Mr. Cingolani is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, is a third degree Knights of Columbus, and belongs to the Butler Chamber of Commerce. He has a wide acquaintance in the city and is highly esteemed.

Carl L. Cleeland is one of Butler's most successful young business men and a member of one of the city's oldest and most highly esteemed families. He was born in this city, April 14, 1894, and is the son of David Long and Flora (Cubbison) Cleeland.

D. L. Cleeland, deceased, was the founder of the oldest optical firm in Butler, which he organized in 1881. He was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and was the first optician in Butler. Mr. Cleeland died in 1913 and his son has since conducted this well known business. Flora (Cubbison) Cleeland, who lives in Butler, is the daughter of George and Mary (Milner) Cubbison. John Cleeland, father of D. L. Cleeland, was born at Portersville, Pennsylvania, in 1811. He was a blacksmith by trade and later a well known tool manufacturer, spending many years of his life in Butler, where he died at the age of ninety-eight years. Mary Milner Cubbison also lived to 98 years of age.

Carl L. Cleeland spent his boyhood in Butler and attended the local public schools. He later attended Ohio State University, and

since 1913 has been identified with the business which his father established. It is located at 123 South Main Street.

Mr. Cleeland was married November 20, 1917, to Miss Helen Palmer, the daughter of Charles J. and Harriet Palmer, of Columbus, Ohio. They have two children, Lucile and Robert.

Mr. Cleeland is a Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Fellows, Sterling Club, Butler Country Club, Rotary Club, and Board of Commerce. He takes an active interest in the affairs of the community and is well liked by all who know him.

Dr. Leslie Ramsey Hazlett is a successful and well known physician and surgeon of Butler, where he has practiced his profession since 1902, specializing in the treatment of diseases of the ear, eye, nose and throat. He was born on a farm in Butler Township, Butler County, September 1, 1868, and is the son of Thomas J. and Margaret E. (Ramsey) Hazlett.

Thomas J. Hazlett, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a native of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and resided there until fourteen years of age, when with his parents he moved to Butler County, where he lived until his death in 1917. He was a farmer. During the Civil War Mr. Hazlett served as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, having enlisted from Allegheny County in 1862. He served throughout the entire war period. Margaret E. (Ramsey) Hazlett was a native of Butler County and is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett five children were born, as follows: Mary Belle; Leslie Ramsey, the subject of this sketch; Sarah Ella; Howard C.; and William Lynn, deceased.

After completing his early schooling in the district schools of Butler Township, Leslie Ramsey Hazlett attended Edinboro State Normal School, and graduated therefrom in 1890. He taught school for a number of years in Butler, Allegheny, and Westmoreland counties, and later began the study of medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1896. He engaged in general practice at New Galilee, in Beaver

County, Pennsylvania, and after five years came to Butler. At various times since 1902 Doctor Hazlett has taken post graduate work in eye, ear, nose and throat work in Philadelphia and New York City and since 1914 has limited his practice entirely to that particular field. He is a skilled physician and surgeon and has an extensive practice.

On March 3, 1916, Doctor Hazlett was united in marriage with Miss Frances Louise Harper, of Butler, the daughter of J. Herbert and Agnes (Graham) Harper. They have two children, Thomas Herbert and Agnes Louise.

Doctor Hazlett is identified with the Butler County Medical Society, Pennsylvania State Medical Society, American Medical Association, and American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology. He holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Rotary Club, Butler Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican.

John McConnell is a progressive and enterprising young business man of Butler and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Homestead, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1890, and is the son of Nevin and Margaret (Cameron) McConnell.

Nevin McConnell is a native of Ireland. At an early age he came to this country and settled at Homestead, where he remained until about 1910. He has since lived at Butler, where he was connected with the Forge Steel Wheel Company as manager until his recent retirement. His wife is a native of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell have five children: John, the subject of this sketch; Cameron; James; George; and Margaret.

John McConnell attended Tome School at Port Deposit, Maryland, and in 1918 was graduated from Lehigh University. He then volunteered for service during the World War and served for eighteen months in Texas as a private in the Aviation Service. Upon his discharge, Mr. McConnell was employed by the United States Steel Corporation and sent to Java, where he remained for a period of three years. He then returned to Butler and became interested in the automobile business as a member of the firm of McConnell & Thompson.

This well known concern is the local distributor for Seiberling tires and Philco batteries and has an extensive trade throughout Butler County. The business is located at 124 East Wayne Street.

Mr. McConnell is a member of the American Legion and Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He has a wide acquaintance in the city and is well liked.

Carmen V. Marinaro is well and favorably known in Butler, where he is connected with the law offices of Armand Cingolani. He was born at Soldier, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1902, and is the son of Nichols and Philomena (Capriola) Marinaro.

Nichols Marinaro is a native of Castel-Vetre, Italy. At an early age he came to the United States and settled at Soldier, Pennsylvania, where for many years he was connected with the Jefferson Macaroni Company. He is now interested in the grocery business at Butler. His wife is also a native of Italy. They have eleven children, as follows: Carmen V., the subject of this sketch; Amelia; Joseph; Josephine; Violet, now Sister Vincentia, Sisters of Mercy, Cresson, Pennsylvania; Catherine; Mary; Anthony; Lawrence; Virginia; and Palma.

Carmen V. Marinaro attended the public schools of Homer City, Pennsylvania, and St. Fidelis Seminary at Herman, Pennsylvania. He then entered the Law School of Georgetown University, from which he received his degree in 1926. Since completing his schooling and law work Mr. Marinaro has been in the offices of Mr. Cingolani.

Mr. Marinaro is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, third degree, and belongs to the Phi Beta Gamma fraternity. He is unmarried.

Raymond C. Andre is a popular young business man of Butler, where he is proprietor of the Viaduct Service Station. He was born at Chicora, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1899, and is the son of John H. and Elizabeth (Barnhart) Andre.

John H. Andre, deceased, was a native of Butler County. He spent his entire life in Fairview Township and was a well known

farmer and stockman. He died in 1923. His widow, a native of Fairview Township, lives at Chicora. Mr. and Mrs. Andre had three sons: Earl H., lives at Chicora; Raymond C., the subject of this sketch; and Harrison, lives at Chicora.

Raymond C. Andre spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the public and high schools of Chicora. He also was graduated from Butler Business College and then spent five years in the employ of the Pennsylvania State Highway Department. Before establishing his present business he was identified with the Keystone Pipe & Supply Company. Mr. Andre built his place of business in 1921 at a cost of \$15,000, and operates one of the finest service stations in the city. He also carries a complete line of tires, accessories, etc., and employs five men.

On July 15, 1920, Mr. Andre was married to Miss Ruth Barr, of Butler, the daughter of Joseph H. and Anna (Risch) Barr. Mr. Barr died in 1926 and his widow lives in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Andre a son has been born, Clarence Raymond.

Mr. Andre is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and is affiliated with all branches of the Masonic Lodge.

W. H. Bortmas is well and favorably known throughout Butler County, being one of the leading florists of this section. He owns one of the largest greenhouses in the county and has an extensive wholesale and retail trade. Mr. Bortmas was born in Butler County, March 20, 1871, and is the son of J. W. and Priscilla C. (Fry) Bortmas.

J. W. Bortmas now lives at Milford, Delaware, where he is interested in the florist business. He was for many years a resident of Butler County, where he was born. His wife is also a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Bortmas had sixteen children, as follows: Minnie, lives at Federalsburg, Maryland; Lilly, deceased; W. H., the subject of this sketch; James, deceased; Barbara, lives at Canfield, Ohio; Zerra, deceased; John, lives at Youngstown, Ohio; Cas-sius, deceased; Christ, lives at Girard, Ohio; Hallett, lives at Girard, Ohio; George, lives at Youngstown, Ohio; Tillie, lives at Federals-

burg, Maryland; Frank, lives at Canfield, Ohio; Flora, deceased; Emma, lives at Delaware, Ohio; and Bertie, lives at Delaware, Ohio.

W. H. Bortmas spent his boyhood in Butler County and received his education in the district schools. At an early age he became interested in farming and gardening work and was associated with his father for some time. He then went with Schellenberger's Brick Company and served as foreman of that concern for fifteen years. Mr. Bortmas conducts his present business just outside of Butler and has 20,000 square feet under glass. He specializes in the raising of cut flowers and hot house vegetables.

On April 13, 1893, Mr. Bortmas was united in marriage with Miss Mary Bailey, of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of George and Catherine (Williams) Bailey, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bailey was a leading merchant of Pittsburgh for many years and is now deceased. There were eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, as follows: Minnie, lives in Pittsburgh; Mary Bortmas; Ida and Nora, who live in Butler; Alice, lives at Kittanning, Pennsylvania; Jennie, lives in Butler; May, deceased; and Frank, lives in Kansas City. Eight children were born to W. H. and Mary (Bailey) Bortmas, as follows: Clarence, lives at home; Florence, married Plumer Whitesell, lives in Butler; Charles, married Ruth Badger; Myrtle, deceased; Velma, married Roy Sykes, lives in Youngstown, Ohio; Dorothy, Opal and Mary, all at home.

Mr. Bortmas is a Republican and is among the highly esteemed citizens of the community in which he has spent his entire life.

Jacob Walter Carr is a substantial and reliable citizen of Butler, where he has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company since 1905. He has served in his present capacity as passenger and freight agent for the past nine years. Mr. Carr was born at Natrona, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1886, and is the son of David and Mary (Walter) Carr.

Jacob Walter Carr spent his boyhood at Natrona and attended the public and high schools there. He then went to Tarentum and for a short time attended North Washington Academy. In 1905

Mr. Carr entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a warehouse clerk at Brackenridge, Pennsylvania, and after six years was made relief agent of the Conemaugh Division, with headquarters in Pittsburgh. He has been in Butler as passenger and freight agent since 1905 and is well known in the city.

In 1909 Mr. Carr was united in marriage with Miss Lila Harrison, of Natrona, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Anna (Marshall) Harrison, of Tarentum. They have a daughter, Mary Aileen.

Mr. Carr is a member of the First Methodist Church and is very active and prominent in all church affairs. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Carr was transferred to Pittsburgh as supervising agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad on January 1, 1927.

F. Carl Anderson. Ranking high among the progressive business men and excellent citizens of Butler is F. Carl Anderson, who is secretary and treasurer of the Butler Plaster & Concrete Company. He was born at Renfrew, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1886, and is the son of J. F. and Iona M. (Heap) Anderson.

J. F. Anderson was born in Butler in 1852 and for many years has been prominent in the business affairs of the city. He has been identified with the Standard Plate Glass Company for twenty-five years and is president of the Butler Plaster & Concrete Company. His wife is a native of Illinois.

F. Carl Anderson received his early education in the public schools of Butler and in 1904 was graduated from Mercersburg Academy. He was graduated from Lehigh University in 1908 and was then identified with the Dravo Construction Company of Pittsburgh until 1910, when he went to Sandusky, Ohio, as manager of the Kelly Plaster Company. In 1913 the Butler Plaster & Concrete Company was organized by Mr. Anderson and the following officers elected: J. F. Anderson, president; J. G. Anderson, vice president; and F. Carl Anderson, secretary, treasurer and manager. The company deals in all kinds of builders' supplies and carries on a large annual volume of business.

In 1911 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Vera Yonkins, the daughter of John and Naomi Yonkins, of Butler. They have three children: Dorothy L., Ellen, and Frank Carl, Jr.

Mr. Anderson is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to all branches of the Masonic Lodge and Elks Lodge. He is president of the Sterling Club and is also prominent in the Rotary Club of Butler.

Lester B. Kinter, a popular and successful young business man of Butler, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1896, and is the son of Lester B. and Margaretta (Walker) Kinter.

Lester B. Kinter, deceased, was a native of Indiana County, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer and spent his entire life in that section of the state. Mr. Kinter was accidentally killed in a railroad wreck in 1900. His wife died in 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Kinter had four children: May, married Elmer Clements, lives at Charlotte, North Carolina; Ann, married Charles Irwin, lives at Jeannette, Pennsylvania; Lester B., the subject of this sketch; and Edmund.

After completing his schooling, Lester B. Kinter entered the chemical laboratories of the Corrigan-McKinney Company at Josephine, Pennsylvania. Later, he went with the Union Railroad Company in Pittsburgh. At the outbreak of the World War Mr. Kinter volunteered for service and served in France with the One Hundred and Nineteenth Infantry, Forty-second Division, with the rank of corporal. Upon his return to Butler he became interested in the automobile business and in July, 1926, purchased his present business, which is located on the Slippery Rock Road, and which is known as "Barney's Place." Besides his filling station, Mr. Kinter conducts a grocery business at this location.

On June 2, 1917, Mr. Kinter was married to Miss Florence Schaney, of Verona, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Betty Jean, Kenneth Craig, and Edmund Boyd.

Politically, Mr. Kinter is a Republican, and he holds membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Lee M. Walsh is a progressive and well known business man of Butler. He was born in this city, September 20, 1888, and is the son of W. J. and Catherine (McGrath) Walsh.

W. J. Walsh, retired, is a native of Natrona, Pennsylvania, where he spent many years as a glass worker. He now resides in Butler. His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh had the following children: E. C., E. W., D. R., T. C., Lee M., the subject of this sketch, J. V., J. C., Mary Grace, Nora Eleanor, Catherine Elizabeth and F. H.

Lee M. Walsh attended the parochial schools of Butler and at an early age entered the employ of the Standard Plate Glass Company of Butler. Later he went with the Standard Steel Car Company and in 1924 became associated in business with J. M. Thompson as proprietor of Fairground Inn.

Mr. Walsh is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Elks Lodge. He is unmarried.

Edward Edmund Stephenson, manager of the local store of Harvey & Carey, Inc., is a veteran of the World War and a representative young business man of Butler. He was born at Camden, New Jersey, December 6, 1894, and is the son of Daniel and Sophia (Pearson) Stephenson.

Daniel Stephenson was born in Philadelphia, where he has spent the greater part of his life. He has been extensively interested in engineering work and is also a widely known tapestry and rug weaver. His wife is also a native of Philadelphia. They have two children: Edward Edmund, the subject of this sketch; and Henrietta Hazel, married Wilbur Adams, lives in Philadelphia.

Edward Edmund Stephenson spent his boyhood in Philadelphia and attended the public schools there. In 1916 he was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Sciences and the following year enlisted in the navy, May 8, 1917. He was sent to Cape May, New Jersey, and later transferred to the Naval Medical School at Washington, District of Columbia. Later he served as chief pharmacist mate on the "Princess Matoika," and made five trips to Europe. After the close of the war Mr. Stephenson became

connected with the L. K. Liggett Company and served as assistant manager of store No. 707 at Thirteenth and F streets, Washington, District of Columbia. After a year he went to Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania. From there he went to Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he became identified with the Harvey & Carey stores. Mr. Stephenson has served as manager of the company's local drug store since October 1, 1923. This store was purchased from the John Britton interests and is the oldest drug store in the city. It is located at 112 South Main Street. This widely known concern owns and operates a chain of twenty-four drug stores throughout southwestern New York, Pennsylvania, and northwestern Ohio. It is the only Rexall store in Butler and has a well established trade in drugs, sundries, etc.

On May 10, 1921, Mr. Stephenson was united in marriage with Miss Mae McFarland, of Ligonier, Pennsylvania. They have a son, Robert McFarland Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson is a Republican, a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

George B. Snyder, Jr., is one of the most prominent of the younger business men of Butler and is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Youngstown, Ohio, March 29, 1896, and is the son of George B. and Nettie (Walters) Snyder.

George B. Snyder is well known in Youngstown, where he is extensively engaged in the security and investment business. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but has lived in Youngstown for many years. For nine years he was editor of the Youngstown Vindicator, a daily newspaper, and he also served as postmaster for twelve years. His wife is a native of Canton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have two children: George B., Jr., and Mary Louise.

George B. Snyder, Jr., received his early education in the public schools of Youngstown and then attended the University of Michigan. During the World War he volunteered for service and was sent to Camp Taylor, Kentucky, where he served as an instructor in artillery with the rank of a lieutenant. Mr. Snyder was connected

with the Woolworth Company for several years before 1922, at which time he accepted his present position as manager of the McCrory Company store in Butler.

In 1924 Mr. Snyder was married to Miss Cleo Marie Arnold, of Battle Creek, Michigan, and they have a son, George B.

Mr. Snyder is a member of the Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge and Shrine, and Rotary Club. He is a Democrat and has a wide acquaintance in Butler.

Daniel Evans is an enterprising young business man of Butler, where he is connected with the S. S. Kresge Company as manager of their local store at 137 South Main Street. He is a native of Wales, born September 17, 1891, and the son of John and Eleanor (Thomas) Evans.

John Evans was born in Wales and spent his entire life there as a farmer. He died in 1917 and his widow still resides on the homestead there. They had three sons: Daniel, the subject of this sketch; John, who was killed in action during the World War while serving with the English Army; and David, who lives in Wales.

Daniel Evans attended the schools of his native land and also went to school in London, England. He came to this country in 1913 and located at Akron, Ohio, where he was identified with the N. O. Neil Company for two years. He then spent eight years with the W. R. Zollinger Company at Canton, Ohio, and from there went to Cincinnati, Ohio, with the Alms-Doepke Company. Later, he returned to Canton and was connected with the S. S. Kresge Company there. He was transferred by the company to Jackson, Michigan, for a short time and in 1924 came to Butler as manager of the company's store in this city.

Mr. Evans was married August 28, 1913, to Miss Evangeline Cavell, of Wales, and they have three children: Donald John, Eleanor Mabel, and Warren Cavell.

Mr. Evans is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Lions Club of Butler.

B. L. Cupps, manager of the Barbecue Filling Station, Butler, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Charleroi, October 9, 1892, the son of David Elmer and Lydia M. (Dufford) Cupps.

David Elmer Cupps was born in Butler. He was connected with the Standard Plate Glass Company of this city for many years. He was killed in an interurban accident on the Harmony Short Line in 1909. His wife, who was born at Petroleum Center, Venango County, Pennsylvania, resides in Butler. They were the parents of three children: Edward R., married Miss Mahan, lives in Butler; B. L., the subject of this sketch; and Cecil C., married Miss Lomont, lives in Butler.

B. L. Cupps attended the public schools of Butler, and as a young man worked at the American Mirror Works in Butler for eight years, and was later with the Wells Fargo Express Company. He enlisted in the army with the Eighteenth Infantry, Douglas, Arizona, where he served seven and one-half years with the same company. During the World War he served overseas for twenty-two and one-half months with the Eighteenth Infantry, with First Division, holding the rank of sergeant, first class. He was severely wounded and had nineteen bullet and one bayonet wounds and spent much time in the hospital. After his discharge from the army he returned to Butler and in 1925 assumed his present position.

Mr. Cupps is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He resides at 354½ Center Street.

Peter Francis Conerty. For forty-four years Peter Francis Conerty, first vice president and general manager of the Butler County Oil Refinery Company, Butler, Pennsylvania, has been identified with the oil industry of Pennsylvania. He was born November 25, 1872, near Oil City, Pennsylvania, close to the old Drake oil well, which is the oldest oil well in Pennsylvania. He is a son of Patrick and Bridget (Finneral) Conerty.

Patrick Conerty, deceased, was born in Ireland, and came to the United States when he was twelve years of age, and settled in New York. He came to the oil fields of Western Pennsylvania in 1860,

and was always identified with that business. He had charge of the cooperage department of the first refinery on Oil Creek. He lived in Venango County until 1873, when he removed to Butler. He died in 1896. Bridget (Finneral) Conerty came to the United States from Ireland when she was six years old. She died in 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Conerty were the parents of seven children: Alice, Mary, Margaret, Ida, Lillian, Peter Francis, and H. T.

Peter Francis Conerty attended the public schools of Chicora, Pennsylvania, and started to work for the Standard Oil Company in Allegheny, Westmoreland and Franklin counties for four years. He was then transferred to New Jersey in 1898, where he remained until 1907, when he went to New York City, where he was in the manufacturing department of the Standard Oil Company. He came to Butler in May, 1917, to accept his present position.

Mr. Conerty was married to Miss Mary Jeremiah Geagen, of Columbiana, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Francis J. and Aloysius Bernard, both in business with their father; Marie, attends Notre Dame Academy; Veronica; and Agnes. The family home is at 144 Brady Street.

Mr. Conerty is a member of the Knights of Columbus, third degree, and he and his family are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

R. P. Brown, of Harrisville, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of Butler County and the owner of the oldest mercantile business house in this section of the state. He was born at Harrisville, April 27, 1881, and is the son of R. L. and Clara (Wick) Brown.

R. L. Brown, deceased, was the son of W. P. Brown, who founded this well known business house at Harrisville in 1834. He died in 1882 and the business was continued by his son, R. L. Brown, until his death, which occurred in 1920. He was born at Harrisville in 1850 and his widow, Clara (Wick) Brown, was also born here and still resides in the old family homestead. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown had three sons: Arthur K., deceased; R. P., the subject of this sketch; and Rev. George W., a minister of the Presbyterian Church, lives at Ben Avon, Pennsylvania.

R. P. Brown grew up at Harrisville and received his early education in the public schools. In 1903 he was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College and immediately became associated in the furniture and undertaking business with his father.

On September 1, 1909, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Maude Havm, of Grove City, Pennsylvania, the daughter of P. A. and Elizabeth (Dolan) Havm. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Grove City. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have six children, as follows: Dorothy, Marjorie, Clara, Robert L., Jr., Pauline, and Barbara.

Mr. Brown is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is also a member of the school board and takes an active interest in the civic affairs of the community.

W. T. Freehling, of Marwood, is well and favorably known throughout Butler County as a substantial citizen. He was born in Winfield Township, Butler County, August 16, 1866, and is the son of John G. and Anna (Miller) Freehling.

John G. Freehling, deceased, was a native of Germany, and the son of Henry Freehling, who emigrated to this country at an early date and settled in Butler County. He was a farmer and his son, John G. Freehling, also became one of the leading farmers of this section. The latter died November 14, 1919, and his wife, who was born on a farm in Winfield Township, died June 1, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Freehling had the following children: W. T., the subject of this sketch; S. D., lives at Marwood, Pennsylvania; Lydia, married S. S. Beatty, lives at Natrona, Pennsylvania; Emma, married Samuel Bricker, lives at Freeport, Pennsylvania; Albert, lives at Freeport, Pennsylvania; and Wesley, lives at Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

John G. Freehling volunteered and enlisted as a soldier in the Civil War in the year 1861 in Company L, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry and served three years and six months. He was honorably discharged in the year 1865 in the rank of Corporal.

W. T. Freehling received his education in the schools of Winfield Township and remained on his father's farm until he was twenty years of age. In October, 1887, he entered the employ of Louis Weid-

has, with whom he was identified until 1896, at which time he purchased the business from Mr. Weidhas in partnership with Robert Krause. This is one of the oldest business houses in Butler County and does a large volume of business annually. W. T. Freehling & Sons are dealers in hardware, lumber, builders' supplies, farm implements, and general merchandise.

On June 25, 1893, Mr. Freehling was united in marriage with Miss Anna E. Krause, the daughter of Robert and Maria (Camphire) Krause, both deceased. Mr. Krause, who was formerly connected with this business, was a native of Germany. He died in December, 1922, and his wife died in November, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Freehling have four children: R. LeRoy, married Miss Bessie Yetter, of Butler, and they have a daughter, Harriett Ann; Bessie M., married Harry L. Meyer, lives at St. Petersburg, Florida; Florence I., married Norman J. Newbert, lives at Freeport, Pennsylvania, and they have two sons, Robert James and Norman J., Jr.; and John Roland, lives at home.

Mr. Freehling is a Republican, a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, at Saxonburg and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a director of the Butler Savings & Trust Company of Butler and a director of the Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Butler.

Guy Oliver Lindley, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Clay Products Company at West Winfield, is a successful and widely known business man of Butler County. He was born at Canton, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1873, and is the son of D. G. and Egesta (Wilson) Lindley.

D. G. Lindley was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and spent his entire life there as a farmer. He was killed in a railroad accident, August 21, 1904, and is buried at Canton. His widow, also born in Bradford County, now resides at Norwich, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Lindley were born four children: Carrie, deceased; Guy Oliver, the subject of this sketch; Paul Eugene, lives at Binghamton, New York; and Charlotte, married A. E. Ford, lives at Norwich, New York.

Guy Oliver Lindley attended the public schools of Canton, Pennsylvania, and remained on the home farm until 1902, at which time he went to St. Marys, Pennsylvania, where he was connected with the St. Marys Coal Company for ten years as superintendent. Mr. Lindley then served as state highway superintendent of Elk, Cameron and McKee counties for five years and in 1917 came to West Winfield as superintendent of the Pennsylvania Clay Products Company.

On February 15, 1909, Mr. Lindley was united in marriage with Miss Cornelia Witter, of Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Witter. They have no children.

Politically, Mr. Lindley is a Republican. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Blue Lodge, St. Marys; Consistory, Williamsport; and Zem Zem Temple, Erie.

P. G. Fennell is a veteran of the World War and a leading and successful young business man of Butler County, being identified with the Fenelton Coal Company. He was born in Butler County.

After completing his schooling in the public schools of Butler County, P. G. Fennell became interested in the lumber business. He also engaged in the oil business, and spent some time in Oklahoma as a driller. At the outbreak of the World War he volunteered for service and was sent to Camp Travis, Texas, and later to Louisiana, and from there to Newport News, Virginia. Mr. Fennell served for eight months in France as a private in the Thirty-ninth Division, which was one of the outstanding divisions of the American Expeditionary Forces. After his discharge from service Mr. Fennell became connected with the Fenelton Coal Company at Fenelton, and is now serving as secretary and general manager of this well known concern.

On June 8, 1920, Mr. Fennell was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude M. Oesterling, the daughter of Leonard, Jr., and Rachael (Knause) Oesterling, of Butler County. They have three children: Kenneth, Louis and Betty Maxine.

Politically, Mr. Fennell is a Republican. He holds membership in the Methodist Church, and belongs to the American Legion.

Paul E. Cronenwett, who has been in the employ of the Butler post office for the past thirty-seven years, is a substantial and well known citizen of the community. He was born at Wooster, Ohio, October 12, 1870, and is the son of Dr. C. E. Cronenwett, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

After completing his early schooling, Paul E. Cronenwett attended Butler Business College, and in October, 1890, entered the post office department, where he has since been continuously employed.

Mr. Cronenwett was married to Miss Anna B. Agus, the daughter of Sylvanus Agus, of Concord Township, Butler County. They have three children: Mary, lives at home; Helen, married James B. Bodreau, who is superintendent of art in the Pittsburgh public schools; and James, a student at Butler High School.

Mr. Cronenwett is a Republican and has always taken an active interest in local civic affairs. He lives at 520 North Washington Street.

Thomas W. Phillips.—The period spanned by the years 1835-1912 witnessed the remarkable manifestations of the intellectual and spiritual endowments of one of America's foremost men of his time—Thomas W. Phillips, founder and ardent supporter of educational institutions, a Christian legislator in the National Capital, who brought about the enactment of progressive laws far in advance of his time and that are now used as models of the economic and social structure; a captain of industry, who adhered through periods of both adversity and prosperity to a policy of strictest honesty. Whether in personally active espousal of the cause of education through institutions close to his heart, or in the halls of Congress, or in the conduct of the great business which he founded and which bears his name, Thomas W. Phillips unwaveringly followed the bright and shining light that illumined his long and honorable career, punctuated here and there by acts which constituted lasting benefactions upon his countrymen—especially the workingmen—upon a great number of educators, students and preachers, and upon the widely ramifying business connections within his broad field of operations. It should be said of him that the nation, his home state of Pennsyl-

vania and his city of New Castle are the beneficiaries of a most precious memory and priceless legacy, for "the good that he did lives after him," and "though dead, he yet speaketh." In fact, time only will avail to reveal in its fullness the good that this God's nobleman accomplished for his kind in the development of his advanced ideas for the welfare of the laborer, the farmer and the industrialist, and in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God on earth. The key to T. W. Phillips' material, intellectual and spiritual achievements was one that unlocked all the doors of his versatile activities, and bore the ineffaceable marks of sincerity, integrity and a zeal according to knowledge. He was a living exponent of New Testament Christianity, and was never happier or more at home than when promoting through speech or the printed page the doctrines of Christ as given to us in the Gospels and Epistolary writings. His outstanding characteristics were his great simplicity and deep humility, the while he was honored by elevation to high office through political preferment and a fixed place in the affections and esteem of a great body of his people. He was not of that calibre of a man that could be spoiled by the attainment of large success or by the plaudits of his fellows. His richest gift—from a literary and spiritual viewpoint—to his and succeeding generations is, perhaps, his widely approved work, "The Church of Christ" (now in its fifteenth edition, running up to more than 52,000 copies), in which he has sought to present clearly and scripturally the position of the disciples of Christ, a communion of believers, whose foundation creed is declared solely to be the Word of God. This book has appealed to a world-wide audience, has been translated into four languages, and is used as a text-book in several colleges. One of his greatest political successes—many would call it his greatest—was his successfully played part in bringing about the nomination and subsequent elevation for President of his lifelong intimate friend, James A. Garfield, a member of the same religious persuasion as was Mr. Phillips.

There flowed in the veins of Thomas W. Phillips the blood of forebears which told in the characteristics that made him a man among men. His paternal line traces to his first American ancestor, Rev. George Phillips, who was the father of the Congregational Church in this country. This Rev. George Phillips was the son of

Christopher Phillips, of Rainham, District of Gallow, County of Norfolk, England, and Wendell Phillips is authority for the statement that this line was traceable back to the twelfth century in England.

(I) Born in 1593, Rev. George Phillips, on April 20, 1610, entered Gonville and Caius College at Cambridge, where he displayed his remarkable scholastic attainments and became distinguished in his theological studies. He was graduated Bachelor of Arts in 1663, and Master of Arts in 1617. He began his ministry at Boxford, Suffolk County, where he probably married. He soon found himself in difficulties with the established order because of his open avowal of the principles of the Nonconformists, and as the storm of persecution grew darker and more threatening, he decided to cast his lot with the Puritans in the New World, and with his wife, daughter of Richard Sergent, and their two children, Samuel and Elizabeth, set sail, April 12, 1630, in the ship "Arabella," they being fellow-passengers with Governor Winthrop, Sir Richard Saltonstall and other leaders of the Massachusetts Company. The party arrived at Salem, June 12, 1630. Rev. George Phillips, in company with others, established the settlement of Watertown on the Charles River. There he was minister of the Watertown Church for fourteen years, until his death, July 1, 1644. He was deeply learned in the original languages of the Scriptures and in theology. He, with his ruling elder, Richard Browne, and John Cotton, succeeded in putting upon a firm basis and maintaining it there what is known as the Congregationalism of New England. He was far in advance of his generation with respect to religious and civil advancement, and he was so outspoken in his advocacy of his views that he was frequently in clash with those in authority. On one occasion he was ordered arrested and put in jail by Governor Winthrop for advocating a scheme of government which afterwards became what is now known as the representative form of government as distinguished from a pure democracy.

Soon after their arrival at Salem, Rev. George Phillips' first wife died and he married (second) Elizabeth Weldon, thought to have been the widow of Capt. Robert Weldon, and they had the following children: Zerobabel, Jonathan, who became a magistrate of Watertown; Theophilus; Annabel; Ephriam; Obadiah; Abigail, who mar-

ried James Bernard; and Samuel. The four sons who survived their father were: Zerobabel, Jonathan, Theophilus, and Samuel.

From Rev. George Phillips there has descended a long line of ministers, educators, philanthropists, judges, lawyers, statesmen, soldiers and high-minded business men, notably John Phillips, first mayor of Boston; Lieut.-Gov. William Phillips of Massachusetts; Samuel and John Phillips, founders of Phillips academies at Exeter and Andover; Edward Phillips, the benefactor of Harvard; Wendell Phillips, the great American orator; and Phillips Brooks, late Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

(II) Zerobabel Phillips, the eldest son of Rev. George and Elizabeth (Weldon) Phillips, was born in 1632, and died at Southampton, L. I., subsequent to 1689. He married three times. The name of his first wife is unknown, but by this marriage he had a son, Theophilus.

(III) Theophilus Phillips, son of Zerobabel Phillips, was born at Southampton, Long Island, in 1653, and died at Newtown, Long Island. He married Ann Hunt, daughter of Ralph Hunt, who was a descendant of Thomas Hunt, a colonel in Cromwell's Army.

(IV) Theophilus Phillips, son of Theophilus and Ann (Hunt) Phillips, was born at Newtown, Long Island, May 15, 1672, and died at Maidenhead, New Jersey, in 1709. In January, 1916, the name Maidenhead was changed to Lawrenceville. Theophilus Phillips married Frances Elizabeth Betts, daughter of Judge—also Captain—Richard Betts and Joanna, his wife, and had the following children: Theophilus, of whom further; John, William, Joseph, Philip, Francis, and three daughters.

(V) Judge Theophilus Phillips, son of Theophilus and Frances Elizabeth (Betts) Phillips, was born at Maidenhead, about 1695, and died there in 1762. He was burgess of Trenton, New Jersey, under a charter from King George, and was judge of the Hunterdon County, New Jersey, courts, 1723-1749. He married (first) Elizabeth Betts, and (second) her sister, Abigail Betts. He had children: John; William; Richard; Joseph; Frances, who married Edward Bainbridge; and Keziah, who married Capt. John Moore.

(VI) Capt. John Phillips, eldest son of Judge Theophilus and Elizabeth (Betts) Phillips, was born at Maidenhead, about 1721. He

served in the Revolutionary War as an officer of the First Regiment, Hunterdon County Militia, and was guide to General Washington at the battle of Trenton. He married Abigail Tindall, and they had children: Thomas; Joseph; John Theophilus, and William.

(VII) Thomas Phillips, eldest son of Capt. John and Abigail (Tindall) Phillips, was born at Maidenhead, on the homestead of 300 acres, deeded February 3, 1752, to his uncle and father by their father, this homestead still being in possession of a member of the Phillips family. Thomas Phillips married Catherine Phillips, descended from Joseph Phillips, a Welchman who came with his wife and family to Maidenhead about 1736. Thomas Phillips and his wife removed to Hopewell, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. They had children: William; John; Elijah; Ephriam; Enoch; Sarah, who married Joseph Moore.

(VIII) Ephriam Phillips, fourth son of Thomas and Catherine (Phillips) Phillips, was born September 20, 1795, and died December 20, 1835. He married Ann Newton, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of Ferdinand Newton, who was born in England, and Ann Maria (Tarpine) Newton, who was born in Philadelphia. Ephriam and Ann (Newton) Phillips, with their babe, Catherine, removed in 1818 from New Jersey to western Pennsylvania, and settled on the site of Old Enon, then Beaver County, now Lawrence County, where he built a fulling mill and saw mill. In 1828 they removed to a farm of 100 acres near Mount Jackson, a short distance north of Enon, where Ephriam Phillips died in 1835, leaving his widow and eight children: Catherine, Isaac N., Sarah M., Ephriam, John, Mary Ann, Charles M., and Thomas W., of whom further.

(IX) Thomas W. Phillips, the eighth child of Ephraim and Ann (Newton) Phillips, was born on the parental farmstead near Mount Jackson, a few miles north of Enon, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1835, and died at New Castle, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1912, in his seventy-eighth year. He was only ten months old when his father died. His parents were both sincere Christians and identified themselves with the "Restoration Movement" started about 1809 by Thomas and Alexander Campbell, and which was the foundation of the Christian Church, or the Disciples of Christ. Ann (Newton) Phillips was a woman of strong character and rugged honesty, who

implanted early in her children an unwavering faith in God. The manner of life of this noble woman stamped itself upon the mind and heart of her son, Thomas W. She fought heroically against overwhelming odds for many years to rear her family of eight children on a farm heavily encumbered by debt; consequently her sons were unable to avail themselves of educational opportunities that fell to the lot of other families not so poorly circumstanced. Thomas W. had, however, the will to gratify his urge for an education, and to the knowledge that he obtained at short terms at the district schools, he added something from the information possessed by his older brothers, and to the sum total he added much of value through earnestly pursued private study. While yet in his teens, and in spite of seemingly insuperable hills of difficulty, he became an effective debater in the Mount Jackson Literary Society, and was proficient in history, biography and scientific literature. When he was about fourteen years of age he became a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, and through his long and useful life he remained faithful and loyal to his Master. He reposed implicit confidence in God and His promises, and gave testimony to the fact that the Almighty would fulfill to the letter every covenant made to His saints. His compelling desire in early life was to attend college and when finished his course to become a preacher. He was, however, denied the object of this ambition through receiving an injury to his lungs, although he did preach on frequent occasions when young.

Odd it is that a rather obscure passage in the Bible had much to do in determining the course of his career. The, to him, unintelligible passage in Job, "And the rock poured me out rivers of oil," excited his imagination, and no doubt taxed his credulity. Soon after he learned that "rock oil" had been found in this country, he drilled for it along the Mahoning River in Lawrence County. Either he did not have the patience to drill to a sufficient depth with the crude spring-pole drilling outfit of that early day, or he was unfortunate in choosing the locations of his first venture, for the rocks underlying the Mahoning Valley failed to pour him out even one little river of oil, and he lost all of his meager savings. He then went to Oil Creek in 1861, and with his brothers engaged in the oil business, which was attended with varying degrees of success and failure, but he remained

in close attachment to this fascinating industry to the end of his days, completing the longest term of service the oil industry had seen and having eventually attained the place of being one of the largest and most successful independent operators in the country. The firm of Phillips Brothers, Isaac N., John, Charles M. and Thomas W., enjoyed great success, and they soon were among the largest holders of oil lands and oil land leases in the United States. As their revenue flowed in, they used much of the money in building churches, supporting colleges and missionaries, paying teachers and aiding the worthy poor. They were on the high road to great wealth when the Jay Cook panic and the sudden increase in the output of oil forced the price of oil from \$4.55 to sixty-five cents a barrel, and the Phillips Brothers found themselves floundering under a burden of debt of half a million dollars. This staggering incumbrance, which soared to \$800,000 with accumulated interest, Thomas W. Phillips, at first with the aid of his brothers, and afterward alone, paid off to the last dollar in the ensuing fourteen years. Before this was accomplished his brother, Isaac N., had died and the firm of Phillips Brothers was dissolved, and for a number of years he continued in the oil business on a very large scale individually. Subsequently he organized the T. W. Phillips Gas and Oil Company, of which he became president, and this concern, at the passing of its founder, was the owner of 850 gas and oil wells, some 900 miles of gas lines, and a great amount of valuable oil and gas lands in Pennsylvania under leasehold. The burden of debt on the old firm of Phillips Brothers once lifted, Thomas W. Phillips gave the greater part of his attention and strength to the promotion of religious, educational and political affairs, thus relegating, as the degree of importance in his mind, his business to a subordinate place. In 1890 he received the nomination for Congress, but failed of election because of the entrance of two Republican candidates. In 1892 he again was the nominee of his party, and he was elected by a substantial plurality. In 1894 he was returned to Congress by a plurality of nearly 12,000 votes.

Mr. Phillips, with his brothers, built the First Christian Church at New Castle, Pennsylvania, and he gave generously to the support of Disciples' colleges, notably Bethany College. He also established

ministerial loan funds at Bethany, Hiram, Drake, Christian, Phillips and Eugene, which have enabled hundreds of young men to enter the ministry. He also gave liberally to the Foreign, American, State, District, Church Extension, Ministerial Relief and Benevolent societies of the Christian Church.

Mr. Phillips married (first) in 1862, Clarinda Hardman, daughter of David W. and Nancy Rebecca (Arter) Hardman. She died in 1866, leaving two sons, Herbert C., born in 1864, died in 1912, and Norman A., born in 1865, died in 1903. In 1870 he married (second) Pamphila Hardman, a younger sister of his first wife, and by this marriage there were four children: Victor K., born in 1872, died in 1901; Thomas Wharton (2), of whom further; Clarinda Grace, born in 1877, who married Charles H. Johnson; and Benjamin Dwight.

Thomas W. Phillips, Jr., second son of Thomas W. and Pamphila (Hardman) Phillips, was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1874. He attended private and public schools in New Castle, was graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, in 1894, and from Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University in 1897. After his graduation he entered the petroleum and natural gas business with his father, and was instrumental in incorporating his father's oil and gas business under the name of T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company. With a capacity for directing the affairs of great corporations, Mr. Phillips has taken the initiative in greatly extending the business of that company.

While his chief interest is in the company which is owned exclusively by members of his father's family, Mr. Phillips is also interested in banks and mining companies, being a director of the Shell Union Oil Corporation, New York, the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company, Pittsburgh, and West Penn Cement Company, Butler.

He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Chi Phi College Fraternity, and a number of social organizations, among which are Congressional Country Club, Washington, D. C., Duquesne Club, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Society of New York, Sterling Club, Butler, and the Butler Country Club, Butler.

Mr. Phillips is an active church member, is a trustee of Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, the Y. W. C. A., Butler, Pennsylvania, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Butler County Memorial Hospital.

On May 28, 1908 Mr. Phillips married Alma Sherman of Titusville, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Roger and Alma (Seymour) Sherman. Children: Janet, born June 2, 1909; Katharine, born September 2, 1910; Alma, born May 12, 1913, died December 8, 1913; Margaret, born December 9, 1914; Thomas Wharton (3), born April 19, 1917; Roger Sherman, born October 27, 1922. Mr. Phillips and his family are members of the Christian Church.

In politics Mr. Phillips is a Republican, and not only succeeded his father as President of the Company which he founded, but has again written the family name on the roll of Congress. His father was a member of the 53d and 54th congresses, while he was a member of the 68th and 69th congresses, being elected in 1922 by a plurality of less than 2300 over his opponent who had both the Democratic and Prohibition nominations. In 1924 he was re-elected by a plurality of more than 23,000 over the same candidate who again had both the Democratic and Prohibition nominations.

Mr. Phillips has high ideals about private life, about business life, and about public life, and has dealt successfully with men in all walks of life. Not only does he enjoy to an exceptional degree the respect and cooperation of the employees associated with him in business, but has the respect alike of his political friends and opponents.

Benjamin Dwight Phillips, youngest son of Thomas W. and Pamphila (Hardman) Phillips, was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1885. His preparatory education was obtained at public and private schools in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and in Washington, D. C., and at Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio. His education completed, he returned to identify himself with his father's business, with which he has been connected in an executive capacity since 1906. During the time he has been with the company has proved to be the period of its greatest expansion. At the present time and for some years past he has been the active managing head of the company.

Although his chief interest is with the T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company of which he is Vice President and General Manager, yet he is extensively interested in banks, public utilities, oil, coal and manufacturing companies. He is Vice President and Director of the Citizens National Bank, New Castle, Pennsylvania, President of the West Penn Cement Company and President of the Consolidated Coal and Coke Company both of Butler. Mr. Phillips is a member of the Sterling Club and Butler Country Club of Butler.

Mr. Phillips married April 6, 1909 Undine Conant, a daughter of Orrin J. and Estelle (Bancroft) Conant of Hiram, Ohio. Children: Stella, born January 13, 1910; Clarinda, born August 2, 1911; Undine, born August 2, 1912; Benjamin Dwight, Jr., born January 2, 1914; Victor Karl, born November 29, 1915; Donald Conant, born November 4, 1918. Mr. Phillips and his family are members of the Christian Church.

Jesse O. Taylor, a substantial and widely known citizen of Fenelton, is a native of Ohio. He was born at New Philadelphia, May 18, 1881, and is the son of Venus and Martha (McPherson) Taylor.

Venus Taylor, who lives retired at Carnegie, Pennsylvania, is a native of England. He was seventeen years of age when he came to this country and settled in Pennsylvania, where he worked in the coal mines for many years. His wife was born at New Philadelphia, Ohio, and died April 16, 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor the following children were born: Frank, William, John, George, Jesse O., Thomas, Otto, and Elizabeth.

Jesse O. Taylor grew up at Carnegie, Pennsylvania, and at an early age went to work in the coal mines of that district. After several years he became associated with the Superior Steel Company, but later returned to mining. Since March, 1925, he has been foreman of the Fenelton Coal Company and has lived at Fenelton.

Mr. Taylor married Miss Martha Jukes, a native of England, and they have three daughters: Jessie, Viola and Dorothy.

Mr. Taylor is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Thomas J. Kennedy, postmaster, of Renfrew, is among the reliable and substantial citizens of Butler County. He was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1858, and is the son of William and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Kennedy.

William Kennedy, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania. He spent most of his life at Wesley, and was a blacksmith. He died May 14, 1875, and his wife, a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, died May 20, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy had the following children: Catherine, married D. W. White, lives at Renfrew, Pennsylvania; Mary Elizabeth, married Clinton Hughes, lives in Venango County, Pennsylvania; Thomas J., the subject of this sketch; Joseph, lives at St. Marys, West Virginia; Nannie, married J. W. Powell, deceased; Laura, deceased; William, died in 1899; Charles, lives at Union City, California; and Elizabeth, married A. J. Alcorn, lives at Butler, Pennsylvania.

Thomas J. Kennedy attended the schools of Wesley, Pennsylvania, and for several years worked on a farm. He has been a resident of Renfrew since 1883, and has had various business interests here, having for a number of years been a well known building contractor. He has served in the capacity of postmaster since 1923.

Mr. Kennedy married Miss Nellie Strong, of Venango County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Cornelius and Jennie Strong. She is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy two children were born: Charles S., lives at Renfrew; and Jennie, deceased.

Mr. Kennedy has always been a Republican and has held several township offices. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

D. H. Lion is a well known young business man of Butler, where he is manager of the Colonial Life Insurance Company. He was born at Manassas, Virginia, November 16, 1896, the son of Thomas H. and Ethel (Adamson) Lion.

Thomas H. Lion was born in Washington, District of Columbia, July 31, 1864. He was educated in the public schools and went to Texas, where he worked as a cow puncher for two years. He then returned to Virginia and shortly after went to Washington, District of Columbia, to college, later returning to Manassas, where he read

law under Judge C. E. Nichol. He was admitted to the bar and has practiced his profession ever since. He is now serving as district attorney of Prince William County, Virginia, where he has been district attorney for fifteen years. He is a Democrat, and has served as a member of the Virginia State Legislature for ten years. He is a member of Manassah Lodge No. 182, F. and A. M.; Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Shrine Temple. Mrs. Lion was born in Edinboro, Scotland, and came to America with her parents when she was one year old. Mr. and Mrs. Lion reside at Manassas, Virginia. They were the parents of five children: Adra, married W. C. Hall, superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, Charleston, West Virginia; Thomas W., a veteran of the World War, in the insurance business, at Manassas; C. W., a farmer, Manassas; D. H., the subject of this sketch; and Ethel, at home.

Thomas H. Lion was the son of Major Thomas and Adra S. (Williams) Lion. Thomas Lion served in the Union Army during the Civil War and held the rank of major. He was an attorney and also an inventor of some note. His wife, Adra S. Williams, was the daughter of Mr. Williams, who served as the first clerk of courts of Prince William County, Virginia, after it was made a county.

D. H. Lion attended the public schools of Manassas, graduating from the high school. He later attended an eastern college, and also the Virginia Military Institute, which latter institution he left to enlist in the United States Infantry. He was assigned to Company B, Sixth Battalion, Eightieth Division, and commissioned a second lieutenant. He was discharged November 22, 1918, and returned to Manassas, entering the National Bank of Manassas as a teller. His ambition, however, had been to enter the insurance business, and he entered the employ of the Prudential Insurance Company as an agent at Pittsburgh. In 1923 he became associated with the Colonial Life Insurance Company at McKeesport, where he was assistant manager. From there he was transferred to Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as manager of the company, and later to Butler, Pennsylvania, which has since continued to be his place of residence.

In 1923 Mr. Lion was married to Miss Mabel A. Lyon, a daughter of George T. and Mabel A. Lyon. Mr. Lyon was born in Canada, and his wife was a native of Virginia. They reside in Washington, Dis-

trict of Columbia, where Mr. Lyon is an artist. Mr. and Mrs. Lion have one son, Joseph, born March 7, 1924.

Mr. Lion maintains membership in the Episcopal Church. He is a member of Manassah Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 182, and a director in the Butler Life Underwriters Association.

Newton V. Loucks, of Butler, is serving his seventh consecutive year in the office of county detective of Butler County, and for five years previous was a member of Company D, Pennsylvania State Constabulary. He was born in Paradise, York County, Pennsylvania, the son of Joseph E. and Flora (Landis) Loucks.

Joseph E. Loucks was born in York County, Pennsylvania, as was also his wife. He for many years, in partnership with his brother, Addison Loucks, conducted a general store. He afterward was a traveling salesman for a monument concern, after which he established a cigar and tobacco business, and is now a representative of many of the leading tobacco companies of the country. He is a Democrat and a member of the Evangelical Church. Mrs. Loucks belongs to the Lutheran Church. To Joseph E. and Flora (Landis) Loucks eleven children were born: (1) Violet, married Clayton Lease. They reside on the old Loucks Homestead, in Jacobus, York County; (2) Ora, resides at home in York; (3) Ernest, department manager for the Eisenlohr Tobacco Company, lives at York; (4) Ruth, married Louis Dyer, chain maker, York, Pennsylvania; (5) Paul, in the produce business, York; (6) Abbie, married H. Leon Craumer, with York Manufacturing Company, lives at Lakewood, Ohio; (7) Newton V., the subject of this sketch; (8) one child died in infancy; (9) Susan, deceased, buried at Jacobus, Pennsylvania; (10) Naomi, married Vernon Sweitzer, newspaper business, lives at Baltimore, Maryland; and (11) Russell D., student at Albright College, 1925-1926, and now a student at the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Loucks died December 14, 1924, and is buried at Jacobus, Pennsylvania.

Joseph E. Loucks is the son of Hon. David M. Loucks. He was born in York County, taught school when a young man, later was a

member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, serving two terms. He was the son of Daniel Loucks, born in Freysville, Pennsylvania, in 1773. The Loucks were French Huguenots, who first immigrated to England and in the year of 1710 arrived in America, landing at New York and going to Schoharie, New York. In 1723 they settled in Heidelberg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (now Berks County), along the Tulpehicken Creek. He was Peter Loucks, whose father was Philip Loucks, who was banished from the Palatinate of Germany in 1709 by the French general Monclas. These immigrants to the wilderness of America contributed to the bone and sinew of our country at an opportune time, and for the land of their adoption they sacrificed their lives and pledged their fortunes in the war for Independence.

According to ancient family records it shows that the name Loucks was "Du Loux," which was changed in the United States. Jean Du Laux in 1575 married Marie, the daughter of Francis III, Comte de La Rochefoucault, and his wife, the Comtesse La Roussy, sister of Eleanor De Roy, who was the wife of Louis de Bourbon, Prince of Conde, who was a member of the French nobility. Jean De Laux was a distinguished soldier and a devoted follower of Henry IV. A letter which is in possession of the Loucks family reads: "Jean du Laux, I write you in haste, to beg you to join me at Bergerac, to meet the Queen, my wife, en meilleur equipage, that the shortness of the time will permit. There you will be most welcome, Mr. du Laux, and receive most cordially, your affectionate friend, Henri."

On June 18, 1910, the Loucks held the two hundredth anniversary celebration at Brookside Park, York, Pennsylvania. Flora (Landis) Loucks, mother of our subject, was of Quaker descent, and her family traces its ancestry back to William Penn.

Newton V. Loucks was educated in the public schools of Jacobus and York, Pennsylvania, graduating from York High School in 1899. He later attended Gettysburg College. Upon leaving college he assisted his father in the tobacco business, and was later a physical instructor in the city of York. He resigned this position and was associated with the Ajax Tobacco Company as office man and salesman. In 1915 Mr. Loucks came to Butler and was with Company D,

Pennsylvania State Constabulary. In October, 1920, he was appointed Butler County detective, under James O. Campbell, district attorney. He was reappointed under A. C. Troutman, and again under Thomas Watson.

In 1919 Mr. Loucks was married to Miss Laura E. McClymonds, a daughter of S. L. and Clara (Doeright) McClymonds. Mr. McClymonds resides in Butler. His wife died March 4, 1926, and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Loucks have one son, James Vincent, born August, 1922.

Mr. Loucks is a Republican and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. Throughout his term of office Mr. Loucks has been painstaking and has exhibited excellent executive ability, and is a highly esteemed citizen of Butler.

Chauncey Albert Loutzenhiser, D. D. S., an efficient and popular young dentist of Butler, Pennsylvania, was born in Greenville, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1892, the son of Harry and Minnie (Sullivan) Loutzenhiser.

Harry Loutzenhiser was born in Greenville, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1864, and died March 7, 1922. His wife, who was born in Jamestown, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1868, died March 7, 1922, and the remains of both are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Butler. Harry Loutzenhiser was a high school graduate and for a time was engaged in oil business. Later he owned a grocery and feed business in Lorain, Ohio, which he established in 1903. In 1905 he sold his business and removed to Butler, where he entered the employ of the Standard Steel Car Company as a foreman. He was later foreman of the open hearth department, and was in the employ of this company until his death. He was a son of Jacob and Henrietta (Williamson) Loutzenhiser, natives of Mercer County, where the father was engaged in the flour and feed business and also operated a farm. He and his wife are buried in Greenville, Pennsylvania. Harry Loutzenhiser was a staunch Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Protective Home Circle, and the White Side Bible Class.

Minnie (Sullivan) Loutzenhiser was a daughter of Timothy F. and Adeline (Mitchell) Sullivan, natives of Jamestown, Pennsyl-

vania. He was a Civil War veteran, having served with Company I, First Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was in the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg. He was wounded and lay on the battlefield thirty-six hours before he was found. He was a stone mason contractor and built bridges, one of which was the bridge between Covington, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio, the first large stone pillar bridge to be erected. He is now deceased and his widow resides at Jamestown, Pennsylvania. Adeline (Mitchell) Sullivan was the daughter of Alexander and Cynthia (Jefferys) Mitchell, the father being a native of the New England states, and later a building contractor at Jamestown, Pennsylvania. He was a writer and one of his books was entitled "The Reminiscences of a Busy Life." To Harry and Minnie (Sullivan) Loutzenhiser three children were born: 1. Lillian, married M. R. Heck, a printer, Butler, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Marcus and Richard. Mrs. Heck is a graduate of Slippery Rock Normal School. 2. Chauncey Albert, the subject of this sketch. 3. Jane, a student, lives in Butler.

Chauncey Albert Loutzenhiser was educated in the Greenville and Butler public schools, graduated from high school in 1911, and from the University of Pittsburgh Dental College in June, 1919, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. After leaving high school he worked for time in a garage, later with the Standard Steel Car Company as stenographer and clerk, and eventually was made assistant to the chief in his department. In 1916 he entered the University of Pittsburgh. He joined the Students Army Training Corps and later enlisted in the Medical Enlisted Reserve Corps, and was called to Pittsburgh during his vacation, and was assigned to the Dental Department, to take charge of the dental work for the enlisted men in the Motor Mechanic Corps. He served in this capacity until the armistice was signed, when he received his discharge. After leaving college he came to Butler and opened his office on September 27, 1919, and has made a success of his chosen work.

Doctor Loutzenhiser was married September 20, 1922, to Miss Dorothy Vogeley, a daughter of Theodore and Mignonette (Gumpper) Vogeley. Theodore Vogeley was born in Butler in 1867, a son of William and Mary E. Vogeley. He was educated in the Butler public schools, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, and Duff's Commercial

College, Pittsburgh. He began life as a bookkeeper for the Fisher Oil Company, subsequently being engaged in the oil business. In 1890 he engaged in the real estate and insurance business, and was also interested in coal mines. He was president of the Butler Savings & Trust Company, and interested in the Butler County Fair Association, and was secretary of the Cottage Hill Land Company. He married in 1895 Miss Mignonette Gumpfer, a daughter of G. H. Gumpfer, of Butler. Three children were born to this union: Dorothy; Theodore Kenneth; and Raymond Alfred. Mr. Vogeley died January 9, 1922, and his widow resides in Butler. He was a Republican, a member of the Sterling Club, the Butler Country Club, and St. Mark's German Lutheran Church. Doctor and Mrs. Loutzenhiser have a son, Theodore Raymond, born July 30, 1924.

Doctor Loutzenhiser is a member of the Butler County Dental Society, the Penn State Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the Odonthological Society of Western Pennsylvania, the Seventh International Dental College, and Lake Erie Dental Society. Among the clubs and organizations to which he belongs are the Sterling Club, the Lion's Club, the Butler Country Club, and Delta Sigma Delta. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M.; Chapter No. 273, Royal Arch Masons; Lorraine Commandery, No. 87, Knights Templar; Knights of Pythias; and Knights of Krassin, D. O. K. K. Doctor Loutzenhiser is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Butler.

William E. Fasnacht, a veteran of the World War, and now manager of the Tri County News of Butler, Pennsylvania, is a well known newspaper man of Butler County. He was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1896, the son of William M. and Harriet (Glasgow) Fasnacht.

William M. Fasnacht was born in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer and later learned the moulder's trade and for many years was in the employ of the South Altoona foundries. He died in November, 1925. His wife, a native of Three Springs, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, died August 20, 1917. They are buried in

Oak Ridge Cemetery near Altoona, Pennsylvania. He was a Democrat, a member of the Lutheran Church, in which he was an elder, and was a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Fasnacht four children were born; Lynn K., an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad, lives at Juniata, Pennsylvania. He is a veteran of the World War, serving as corporal in company K, One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, Twenty-eight Division, in France. He was wounded in action; Guy, deceased; Margaret, deceased; and William E., the subject of this sketch.

William E. Fasnacht attended the public schools of Lebanon and Altoona, Pennsylvania, and was graduated from Zeth Business College, Altoona, in 1915. He began his business career as a salesman for the Gibbony Baking Company, with territory in western Pennsylvania. When the United States entered the World War he enlisted in the fall of 1917 and was sent to Camp Greenleaf, Georgia. He was assigned to the Fifty-sixth Medical Detachment of the Seventy-ninth Division and served in France with this unit. He was gassed during the Argonne offensive. When he left the hospital he was attached to the Stars and Stripes paper as a field clerk. He was discharged in May, 1919. He then entered the newspaper business and was managing editor of the Twin City Labor News Company of Oil City, Pennsylvania. In 1920 Mr. Fasnacht came to Butler and founded the Tri County News, which he later sold, since which time he has been its business manager.

On November 11, 1922, Mr. Fasnacht was married to Miss Grace Gladys Christley, a daughter of Jacob S. and Mary E. (Rider) Christley, natives of Butler County. Mr. Christley was a farmer and also served as a rural mail carrier for many years. He was a justice of the peace for six years in Clay Township; served as school director for twelve years, and was president of the school board. He was a staunch Republican and a leader in politics in his section of the county. He was widely known and deservedly popular. Mr. and Mrs. Christley are both deceased and are buried in Rider Church Cemetery, Center Township, Butler County.

Mr. Fasnacht is prominently identified with the Democratic party and is now nominee to the General Assembly from Butler County. He was instrumental in securing the support of his party in this

county for the election of Judge Henniger. He is a member of the American Legion, Post 117. Mr. and Mrs. Fasnacht are members of the Presbyterian Church.

John Newton Riddle, assistant treasurer of the Guaranty Trust Company, Butler Pennsylvania, is a member of an old and respected pioneer family of Butler County. He was born in Prospect, Butler County, July 18, 1878, the son of William R. and Valeria (Brandon) Riddle.

William R. Riddle was born in Worth Township, Butler County, December 9, 1833. He began life as a wagon maker in Portersville, Pennsylvania, later removing to Plattsville, Wisconsin, where he worked at his trade. In 1855 he removed to Prospect, Pennsylvania, where he and David Marshall established a general merchandise store. After a time he purchased Mr. Marshall's interest in the business, and later was associated with S. S. Forrester, C. C. Sullivan, and James H. Barr as partners in the business, at various times. He sold his interest to Mr. Barr in 1912 and retired. He died June 15, 1923. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and served for many years as director of the poor. His first wife was Permilla Forrester, deceased, buried in Prospect, Pennsylvania. He married second, Felicia Brandon, and to them one child was born, John Newton, the subject of this sketch. Felicia (Brandon) Riddle was born in Portersville, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Stewart) Brandon, natives of Portersville, Pennsylvania. Sarah Stewart was the daughter of William Stewart, a descendant of the Stewart family who were the founders of Portersville, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Riddle died January 10, 1910, and is buried in Prospect, Pennsylvania.

John Newton Riddle acquired a common school education in the public schools of Prospect, and was graduated from the Prospect Academy in 1899, and the next few years of his life were spent in his father's store. In 1902 he came to Butuer and entered the employ of the Standard Steel Company in a clerical capacity, which position he resigned in 1910, and accepted a clerkship with the Guar-

anty Trust Company. In 1920 he was appointed an assistant secretary, and in 1923 was appointed assistant treasurer.

In 1904 Mr. Riddle was married to Miss Daisy M. Forsythe, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Young) Forsythe, natives of Butler County. Mr. Forsythe died many years ago and his widow resides in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Riddle three children have been born: Virginia, a graduate of Butler High School, and of the Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, Virginia, at home; W. R., Jr., and Mary Felicia, both students.

Mr. Riddle is a Republican and he and his family are members of the First United Presbyterian Church.

Endell W. Reed, proprietor of the Yellow Taxi & Transfer Company of Butler, Pennsylvania, is a progressive business man of that city. He was born in Butler, December 22, 1888, a son of John M. and Elizabeth (McFall) Reed.

John M. Reed, deceased, was born near Tarentum, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1860. He attended the district schools and began life at the age of fourteen helping his father hauling produce to Pittsburgh. At the age of eighteen years he came to Butler, where he worked for the Huselton shoe store as a clerk. He worked for various concerns and at one time operated a grocery store and later a newspaper agency and magazine store. He was also agent for the American Express Company, which position he resigned to take charge of the special delivery service at the post office, which position he held at the time of his death. He died October 2, 1924, and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Reed was born at Smith's Ferry, Pennsylvania, in 1861, and now resides in Butler. Mr. Reed was a Republican and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. He also belonged to the Protected Home Circle, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the B. P. O. Elks, No. 170. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed seven children were born: May, married C. J. Burckhalter, with the Herold Printing Company, Butler; Bessie, married L. R. Potter, auditor, Standard Steel Car Company, Butler; Nellie, married Joseph Herr, chemist with Forged Steel Wheel Com-

pany, and Mrs. Herr is cashier of Zimmerman's Specialty Store; Endell W., the subject of this sketch; Ralph E., in charge of the New Castle-Butler bus service; Florence, at home; and Dr. John LeRoy, a graduate of the University of Michigan Dental College, resides in Detroit, Michigan.

Endell W. Reed was educated in the public schools of Butler, and Butler High School. He was then employed as a clerk with the American Express Company, where he remained until 1915, when he purchased the Porter and Mead Taxi and Transfer Company. In 1920 he established the Yellow Taxi Cab & Transfer Company. He operates five cars and has a well established business.

In 1915 Mr. Reed was married to Miss Alice I. Cook. She died in May, 1925, and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Butler.

Mr. Reed is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Charles S. Thompson is a well known business man of Butler, where he is the senior member of Thompson Brothers Ice Cream Company. He was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1879, the son of James and Roena (Whitmer) Thompson.

James Thompson was born in Clarion County, March 20, 1844. He graduated from Callensburg College and taught school. Later he removed to the oil country, where he became a contractor and was also engaged in agriculture. He served as tax collector of his township for many years. He died in 1904 and is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Clarion County, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Methodist Church and a Republican. Mrs. Thompson, also a native of Clarion County, was born September 21, 1858. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson seven children were born: Nora, married Clarence Sallade, superintendent of a boiler factory, Sharon, Pennsylvania; Charles S., the subject of this sketch; Maude, married Frank Riddle, oil well driller, Clintonville, Pennsylvania; Blanche, married Will Morrison. He is deceased and she lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Orville, married Elizabeth Singleton, and they have two children: Betty Jane and Anna May. Orville Thompson is a graduate of Sligo College, and is junior member of the firm of Thompson Brothers. Ida May, married

Richard Watson, electrical engineer, Pittsburgh; and Reldon, died in 1920, and is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Clarion County. He was a veteran of the World War, serving two years on the Mexican border with the United States Cavalry.

Charles S. Thompson attended the public schools of Clarion County and followed farming for a few years. He learned the barber's trade at Callensburg, Pennsylvania, later owning his own shop there. After he sold his business in Callensburg he went to Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he learned the ice cream business at the Matt Robertson Ice Cream Company, where he remained for two years. In 1907 Mr. Thompson came to Butler and with his brother, Orville, established his present business. Their plant was first located on Fulton Street, later on it was removed to Fourth Avenue. In the fall of 1908 a piece of land was purchased and their present factory was built. In 1913 a much larger factory was built on this site. Their business extends over Butler and Allegheny counties. The business has grown and prospered because the proprietors have made the product of their factory worthy of patronage. They also carry a complete line of ice cream accessories.

In 1908 Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Hazel Kapp, a daughter of John and Tillie (Greer) Kapp, natives of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, both of whom are deceased and are buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, Butler County. Mr. Kapp was a building contractor. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson two children have been born: Edna Irene, a student in Butler High School; and Grace Marie, a student in the grade schools.

Mr. Thompson is a Republican and belongs to Grace Lutheran Church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and the United Commercial Travelers.

Dr. Raymond L. Sheets is one of the capable young physicians and surgeons of Butler County, engaged in the practice of his profession at Bruin. He was born at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1892, and is the son of Dr. E. W. and Laberta (Bateman) Sheets.

Dr. E. W. Sheets, who has successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, for more than forty years,

is a native of East Palestine, Ohio. His wife was born at Beaver Falls and died in 1893. Doctor and Mrs. Sheets had three children: Raymond L., the subject of this sketch; Alba; and Melba.

Dr. Raymond L. Sheets received his early education in the public schools of Beaver Falls, from which he was graduated in 1911. He then took up the study of medicine at Hahnemann College of Medicine in Philadelphia, and received his degree in 1920. He served as an interne at the Pittsburgh Homeopathic Hospital, and then was associated in practice with his father at Beaver Falls for one year. Doctor Sheets spent the next two years at Stoneboro, Pennsylvania, and in 1924 located at Bruin, where he has already met with marked success.

On June 1, 1918, Doctor Sheets was united in marriage with Miss Lela E. Osborne, of New Brighton, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Lauretta (Thompson) Osborne, both deceased. They have two children, Everett and Janet.

Doctor Sheets is identified with the Butler County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Shrine, and Consistory, and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Phi Alpha Gamma fraternity.

Henry H. Blackmore, sales agent, with offices in the Butler County National Bank Buliding, Butler, Pennsylvania, is a well known business man of that city. He was born in Butler, May 20, 1882, the son of Willis W. and Catherine A. (Heeneman) Blackmore.

Willis W. Blackmore was born in East Liverpool, Ohio, January 5, 1856, a son of Samuel J. and Matilda (Hill) Blackmore. Samuel J. Blackmore attended the public schools and for some years had a general merchandise store at Smith's Ferry, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. He was also interested in the oil producing business. He lived for a time at Alliance, Ohio, where he conducted a hat and fur store. He sold his business there and removed to Industry, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and was manager of Briggs & Allen's general merchandise store. He resigned his position and lived at Beaver

Falls, Pennsylvania, and then removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he retired from active business. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of six children: Mary, married George Davis, both deceased; Abrilla, married Charles H. Myers, both deceased; Thomas H., deceased; all being buried at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Willis W.; Elizabeth C., the widow of Stewart Babbitt, resides at Beaver Falls; and Joseph, lives at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Willis W. Blackmore was educated in the public schools of Alliance, Ohio. He was postal clerk at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, from which position he resigned in 1876 and removed to Butler, Pennsylvania. Here he was employed as clerk in the shoe store of B. C. Huselton, where he remained eight years. He was with the Bickel Shoe Store ten years, when he established the Blackmore Shoe Company, which he conducted successfully for some time. He later sold out and went to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he was employed by the Hemerick Shoe Company, after which he returned to Butler and was with the C. E. Miller Shoe Store for twenty years. He was with the Metzger Shoe Store for two years, and then became manager of the Wear U Well Shoe Store, which position he now holds. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Woodmen of the World. In 1882 he was married to Catherine A. Hieneman, a daughter of Henry C. and Mary (Coyle) Hieneman, a complete sketch of whom appears in the biography of Joseph A. Heineman. To Willis W. and Catherine A. (Hieneman) the following children were born: Henry H., the subject of this sketch; Willis G., with the Standard Steel Car Company, Butler; Mary, married M. W. Johnson, a druggist, lives at Edinboro, Pennsylvania; Myrtilla, married J. C. McBride, a salesman, lives at Butler; Clarence, with the West Penn Power Company, New Kensington, Pennsylvania; Samuel, Catherine and Florence, all deceased, and buried in North Cemetery, Butler.

Henry H. Blackmore graduated from the Butler High School in 1900. After leaving school he was employed in the advertising department of the Butler Times. From 1906 to 1919 he was sales agent for various furniture manufacturers throughout the United States. in 1919 he organized the Blackmore Company, Inc. The officers were:

Henry H. Blackmore, president; T. W. Phillips, Jr., vice president; and C. A. Wilder, secretary and treasurer. They were sales agents for the Humphrey Radiant-Fire stove. During this time the company purchased the William A. Forquer estate on South Main Street, and the Park Hotel property on East Diamond Street. In 1925 Mr. Blackmore resigned from the company and disposed of his stock. While a member of the Blackmore Company he was also sales agent for the various furniture manufacturers, and his resignation from the company was so he might devote all his time to his sales business, in which he has built up a successful business.

In 1910 Mr. Blackmore was married to Miss Mary C. Henry, a daughter of George E. Henry, a native of East Brady, Pennsylvania. Mr. Henry, who is now deceased, was a prominent business man of East Brady, where he was a coal operator. He was one of the organizers of the People's National Bank of that place, and was serving as vice president of the bank at the time of his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore three children have been born: Mary L., Margaret C., and George Henry, all students.

Mr. Blackmore is a Republican and belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 170.

John A. Beck, president of the Pennsylvania Refining Company, of Karns City, Pennsylvania, is a well known business man of Butler County. He was born at Karns City, September 14, 1884, the son of George and Anna M. (Bezler) Beck.

George Beck, deceased, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, February 8, 1852, a son of John George and Anna Maria Beck, natives of Wurtemberg, where his mother still resides at a ripe old age. He grew to maturity in his native land and there received a common school education. In 1874 he emigrated to this country and settled at Modoc, Butler County, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the oil business with his brother John, who had settled in this country in 1872. He remained at Modoc until 1876, then came to Karns City and operated in that field. In 1878 they purchased the Producers Refinery Company, and carried on the business until the death of John

Beck, in January, 1894. George Beck then took over the entire business, which he conducted until his death, which occurred October 2, 1906. Mr. Beck was married in 1879 to Anna Maria Bezler, a native of Wurtemberg. Mrs. George Beck now resides in Butler. Mr. Beck was a staunch Democrat, and served in the city council. He was a member of Derrick Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Karns City Lodge. Mr. Beck took an active interest in public movements and was an enterprising and progressive citizen. By close attention to business affairs he had accumulated a handsome competence, the result of his own inherent industry and business ability. Mr. and Mrs. George Beck were the parents of the following children: Anna M., married Mont M. MacKinney, with the Butler Engine & Foundry Company, Butler; Minnie B., at home; Clara K., married Dr. William T. Hirschi, St. Louis, Missouri; John A., the subject of this sketch; Walter W., general manager of the Pennsylvania Refining Company, a sketch of whom appears in this history; and Paul R. Beck, secretary and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Refining Company, whose sketch also appears in this history.

John A. Beck attended the public schools of Karns City and Butler Business College. He then took the position of office manager in his father's business, and upon the death of his father, assumed full charge of the business. In 1922 Mr. Beck was instrumental in having this company incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania, and he was elected president. Wayne K. Glenn is vice president; Paul R. Beck secretary and treasurer; and Walter W. Beck, general manager.

John A. Beck was married in 1914 to Elva Frazier, a daughter of Thomas and Harriet (Bickett) Frazier, residents of Butler, Pennsylvania. Mr. Frazier, who was born at West Sunbury, Pennsylvania, was a plasterer by trade. His wife was born in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania. They are both deceased and are buried in North Cemetery, Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Beck six children have been born: Mary Elizabeth, John A., Jr., and Thomas Frazier, all students; Elva Isabel, Nettie Jane, and George Alexander, at home.

Mr. Beck is a Republican in politics and he has held the office of treasurer as well as being a director of Karns City schools since 1916. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, in which

he is a trustee, while Mrs. Beck holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Beck is very prominently affiliated with a number of fraternal orders, being a thirty-second degree Mason, New Castle Consistory; Argyle Lodge No. 540, F. and A. M., past master in 1913; Butler Chapter No. 273, R. A. M.; Lorain Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 87; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Syria Caravan, No. 14, A. A. O. N. M. S. His clubs are as follows: Ridge View Country Club and the Sterling Club of Butler. He is a director of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association of Oil City; a director of the Pennsylvania Coal Products Company of Petrolia; president and director of the American Oil Works of Titusville, Pennsylvania; one of the organizers and a director of the Mid Penn Refining Company. He also belongs to the United Commercial Travelers Association.

Theodore H. Liebler. One of the valued young business men of Butler, Pennsylvania, whose energies have resulted in the concentration of an important business at that point, is Theodore H. Liebler, proprietor of the T. H. Liebler Light Plant and Water System, located at 304 Center Avenue, Butler. He was born in that city, May 14, 1890, a son of Andrew and Mary (Ritter) Liebler.

Andrew Liebler, deceased, was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, in 1864. He attended the public schools and began life as a farmer. Later he did contract teaming, having sixteen teams at work for the Bessemer Railroad Company when the big railroad cut was built through Butler. He was later engaged in the oil business, in which he was successful. He was a Democrat, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and belonged to the C. M. B. A. Mr. Liebler died in 1919 and is buried in North Cemetery, Butler. Mrs. Liebler resides at Butler. To this union eight children were born: Bertha, married Joseph Hertle, Butler; Edward, Butler; Theodore H., the subject of this sketch; Clement, East Palestine, Ohio, is a junior partner in the Fisher Bakery Company; Loretta, married Paul Schoner, Pittsburgh, electrical engineer; Cecelia, married Pat Graham, Butler; and Regina, married Mike McEvoy, oil contractor, White Springs, Pennsylvania.

Theodore H. Liebler was educated in the public and parochial schools of Butler, Grove City College, and graduated from Carnegie Technical College. Upon completing his education Mr. Liebler began work in the Baker Smith Company, heating and ventilating contractors, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He later went to Buffalo, New York, as chief estimator for the American-Warner Company. Coming later to Butler, Pennsylvania, he was chief pipe fitter for the Standard Plate Glass Company. He organized the Liebler Natural Gas Company, Inc., which supplied gas all through this section and was president of the company. He sold his interest in this business in 1922, and established his present company. Mr. Liebler has over seventy-five lighting plants and over 150 water systems under his ownership in Butler County. In 1922 he purchased the Viaduct garage as a store room for his equipment. Mr. Liebler installed the water system for the Butler-Highfields Water Company. He handles a full line of all kinds of pumps and equipment, and has a well established business.

In 1914 Mr. Liebler was married to Miss Agnes E. Gallagher, a daughter of Michael Gallagher, of Butler. Mr. Gallagher is a retired real estate dealer.

Mr. Liebler is a Republican, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and belongs to the B. P. O. Elks Lodge No. 170.

Wayne K. Glenn, vice president of the Pennsylvania Refining Company, is a well known young business man of Karns City, Pennsylvania. He was born at Chicora, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1892, the son of Theodore and Maude (Kepler) Glenn.

To Theodore and Maude (Kepler) Glenn five children were born: Wayne K., the subject of this sketch; Lucille, Oil City, Pennsylvania; Todd K., sales manager for the Empire Oil Works, Oil City, Pennsylvania; Dale T., a teller in the Oil City Trust Company, Oil City; and Eleanor M., who also resides in Oil City.

Wayne K. Glenn attended the public schools of Karns City and the Oil City High School. Afterward he went with the Empire Oil Works as a bookkeeper. In July, 1918, he enlisted in the Motor

Transport Service of the United States Army, and was sent to the University of Pittsburgh's School of Motor Mechanics. He was later transferred to the Central Officers Training School at Camp Gordon, Georgia. After the armistice was signed, he was discharged from the service and returned to Oil City, where he again engaged in the oil business. In March, 1922, Mr. Glenn, in partnership with John A. Beck and Albert B. Weingard, incorporated the Penn Oil & Refining Company of Oil City, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Glenn was made vice president of the company. In April, 1925, this company was merged with the Pennsylvania Refining Company of Karns City, and Mr. Glenn was made vice president.

In 1916 Mr. Glenn married Winifred Barre Kelly, a daughter of Harry E. and Amy (Barre) Kelly, natives of Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Kelly is deceased. Mr. Kelly resides in DuBois, Pennsylvania, where he is a salesman. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn have one son, Richard Theodore Glenn, born August 21, 1920.

Mr. Glenn is a Republican in politics and his religious fellowship is with the Methodist Church. He belongs to Petrolia Lodge, No. 363, Free and Accepted Masons; Venango Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree, Oil City; Kiwanis Club; and the Ridgeview Country Club. Mr. Glenn was one of the organizers and is serving as vice president of the American Oil Works, Titusville, Pennsylvania; and was one of the organizers and is a director of the Mid-Penn Refining Company.

Walter W. Beck, the capable general manager of the Pennsylvania Refining Company, of Karns City, Pennsylvania, is one of the well known business men of Butler County. He was born in Karns City, August 11, 1886, a son of George and Anna M. (Bezler) Beck. A complete sketch of George Beck will be found in sketch of his son, John A., in this history.

Walter W. Beck received his education in the public schools of Karns City, after leaving which he went to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and worked for the McKeesport Tin Plate Company as a process man in the hot mill department. He remained there four years and then returned to Karns City, where he took charge of the

operations and construction of his father's business. In 1922 he was made general manager of the company.

In 1918 Mr. Beck was married to Miss Lyde B. Burke, a daughter of Patrick Ryan and Ada Z. (Meclimans) Burke, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. To Mr. and Mrs. Beck two children have been born: Margaret Ellen, born in 1921; and William Walter, born in 1925. Mrs. Beck was graduated from Wilson College and was a teacher in the Karns City public school for five years.

Mr. Beck is a Republican in politics. He is a member of Argyle Iodge, No. 540, F. and A. M., Chicora, Pennsylvania; Butler Chapter, R. A. M., No. 273, Butler, Pennsylvania; Lorain Commandery, K. T., No. 87, Butler; New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree, New Castle; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Syria Caravan, No. 14, A. A. O. N. M. S., Butler, Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Ridgeview Country Club, Foxburg Country Club, a director of the American Oil Works Company, Titusville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Beck is greatly interested in civic affairs and is now serving as a member of the city council. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church and is an enterprising and substantial citizen.

Lewis W. Ellenberger, the general manager of the Peerless Oil and Gasoline Company at Karns City, Pennsylvania, is a native of Butler County. He was born in Fairview Township, June 15, 1879, the son of William J. and Malinda E. (Morris) Ellenberger.

William J. Ellenberger, deceased, was born February 2, 1856, in Butler County. He spent his early boyhood on a farm and when a young man engaged in the oil business. He drilled many wells throughout this section of the country and established the Peerless Oil and Gasoline Company. He died December 24, 1923, and is buried in the North Cemetery, Butler. His widow, who was born in Butler County, December 25, 1855, now lives at Karns City. Mr. and Mrs. Ellenberger were active members of the Methodist Church, and he was a Republican in politics. To them four children were born: Lewis W., the subject of this sketch; Thomas R., resides on the old homestead; Edna F., married H. T. Stewart, North Washington,

Pennsylvania, where he is in the general insurance business; and Mabel F., married Prof. W. A. Gensbigler, resides at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Lewis W. Ellenberger attended the public schools of Fairview Township, graduating from the high school. He then engaged in the oil business with his father, and upon the death of the latter he assumed full charge of the business. The company operates three plants in the manufacture of gasoline and are the owners of some very fine producing wells. Their business is strictly wholesale. Since assuming his present duties Mr. Ellenberger has been one of the strong factors in the development of the efficiently operated business of the company.

In 1901 Mr. Ellenberger was married to Miss Alta B. Smiley, a daughter of Alton W. and Mary C. (Shanor) Smiley. Mr. Smiley, who was born near Jamestown, New York, died in 1918 and is buried in the North Cemetery, Butler, Pennsylvania. His wife, a native of Butler County, resides in Karns City. Mr. Smiley was engaged in the oil business during his life and was an operator and gauger for the National Transit Company. Mr. and Mrs. Ellenberger have a son, Audley A., born in 1904, who is in business with his father.

Mr. Ellenberger is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 170, Butler, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican in politics and has been road supervisor of Fairview Township for twelve years. He is a man of sound business judgment and a citizen of excellent standing.

H. M. Hite, manager of the Sterling Service Station, Butler, was born in Marietta, Ohio, December 18, 1896, the son of Thomas A. and Bertha (Oesterling) Hite.

Thomas A. Hite was born in Petrolia, Butler County, Pennsylvania, the son of Conrad A. and Jennie (Holliday) Hite. He was superintendent of the Standard Oil Company of Butler County, and later became an oil producer, in which business he remained until his death. Both he and his wife are buried in North Cemetery, Butler. Thomas A. Hite was reared in Petrolia and attended the public

schools. He worked for the Standard Oil Company. Later he removed to Marietta, Ohio, where he worked as a stationary engineer pumping water to Sistersville, West Virginia. He worked for a time at New Castle, Pennsylvania, as an engineer, and then came to Butler, where he is with the public schools. He is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. His wife, Bertha (Oesterling) Hite, was born in Butler, the daughter of Peter J. and Catherine Oesterling. He was an agriculturist of Butler County. Mr. and Mrs. Oesterling are both deceased and are buried in South Cemetery, Butler. Mrs. Hite died in 1915, and is buried in South Cemetery, Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Hite four children were born: Hazel, married George Maloney, who is engaged in the transfer business, Lakewood, Ohio; LeRoy, served four years in the U. S. Marine Corps, now a locomotive engineer, Bremerton, Washington; H. M., the subject of this sketch; and Margaret, married Harold C. Emery, an electrical engineer with the Trumbull Steel Company, Warren, Ohio.

H. M. Hite attended the public schools of Butler. He then learned the printing business and was employed in the office of the Standard Steel Car Company in a clerical capacity, and during the war ran a lathe in the company's shops. He served as engineer for three years in the Butler Junior High School, after which he was manager for the Butler Auto Supply Company. In June, 1924, Mr. Hite purchased the Wilson Filling Station on Race Street, and during the time he had this business he established a lunch and confectionery business in connection with the filling station. He sold this business in June, 1926. On August 26, 1926, he became manager of the Sterling Service Station. He divided his time between his station and this one until he sold his business, and now devotes his entire time and energy to the management of the Sterling station.

On September 14, 1916, Mr. Hite was married to Jennie Naomi Black, a daughter of P. A. and Alice (Patterson) Black, residents of Butler, where Mr. Black was an oil well contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Hite have two children: Clair Milton, born in 1917, a student; and Richard Thomas, born in July, 1923.

Mr. Hite is a capable and progressive young man and has many friends in Butler.

Charles John Brandberg, deceased, was a well known business man and substantial citizen of Butler for many years. He was born in Sweden, May 27, 1847, and emigrated to the United States when he was a young man. Mr. Brandberg located first at Dunkirk, New York, where he was identified with the Dunkirk Iron Company. From there he went to Titusville, Pennsylvania, where he entered the employ of the Gibbs & Steret Manufacturing Company. After coming to Butler County he spent some time at Petrolia, where he was active in the oil fields in the employ of Ireland & Hughes. He continued with this firm after the plant was transferred to Pittsburgh and in 1887 came to Butler, where he formed a partnership with the late William Kesselman, the business being known as Kesselman & Company. They are leading manufacturers of oil well drilling tools and both Mr. Kesselman and Mr. Brandberg were prominent business men of this section for many years. Mr. Brandberg died May 3, 1924, and is buried in the North Cemetery, Butler.

Mr. Brandberg was married in 1878 at Titusville, Pennsylvania, to Miss Lida A. Deitrich. They had two children: Dr. Guy A., a leading physician and surgeon of Butler; and Mrs. W. P. Starr, who lives at Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. Brandberg was an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church and was one of the progressive citizens of the community in which he lived.

Clyde E. Pickard, who is identified with the Starlight Refining Company at Karns City, is a representative business man and widely known citizen of Butler County. He was born at Karns City, March 13, 1888, and is the son of William Henry and Caroline (Fox) Pickard.

William Henry Pickard, deceased, was well known among the leading business men of Butler County for many years. He was born at Bradys Bend, in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1846, the son of Amos and Eliza (Hines) Pickard. The Pickards were prominent pioneer citizens of Armstrong County and Amos and Eliza (Hines) Pickard had the following children: Jennie, William Henry, George, Anna, Frank, Mary, Martin, Lavina, and Edward. William

Henry Pickard attended the district schools of Armstrong County and in early life was associated in business with his father, who it was said was the oldest coke maker in the United States. In 1872 William Henry Pickard removed to Karns City, where he became interested in teaming. He drove the first stage coach in this vicinity and was a familiar character of the early days. Mr. Pickard embarked in the oil business in 1892 and founded the Starlight Refining Company, which he successfully conducted until the time of his death. He was associated in the business with his son, John F. Pickard, and in 1903 formed a partnership with C. H. Johnson. At that time the company had a monthly output of 1,500 barrels.

On September 16, 1869, Mr. Pickard was married to Miss Caroline Fox, the daughter of John and Catherine Fox, of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. She died March 20, 1906. To Mr. and Mrs. Pickard were born nine children, as follows: Ada, born June 18, 1870, lives in Pittsburgh; William H., born June 17, 1876, lives at Salem, West Virginia; Frank, lives at Butler; Mary A., born August 24, 1882, married William Anderson, lives at Petrolia; Carrie, born May 20, 1887, lives at Karns City; Clyde E., the subject of this sketch; George C., born November 24, 1871, died August 28, 1874; Ella M., born February 13, 1874, died September 8, 1878; and John T., born June 24, 1878, died October 20, 1908.

After completing his schooling at Karns City, Clyde E. Pickard entered his father's business, with which he has since been connected.

On September 8, 1920, Mr. Pickard was united in marriage with Miss Eva Irene McCullough, the daughter of E. S. and Maude Belle (Herron) McCullough, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. McCullough reside in Fairview Township, Butler County, where he is proprietor of the McCullough Gas Company. They have the following children: Alvin E., lives in Fairview Township; Richard H., lives in Fairview Township; Arthur L., lives in Fairview Township; and Eva McCullough. Mr. and Mrs. Pickard have no children.

Mr. Pickard is a Democrat and has served as a member of the city council for six years. He holds membership in the English Lutheran Church of Chicora and has an extensive acquaintance throughout Pennsylvania.

J. W. Moorhead, a well known and highly respected citizen of Zelienople, Pennsylvania, was born May 11, 1889, in Volant, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, the son of Frank B. and Mary E. (Drake) Moorhead.

Frank B. Moorhead, deceased, was born in Lawrence County, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was engaged in the drug business at Volant for thirty-two years when he retired on account of ill health. He was active in civic affairs, president of the council, and president of the school board. He died August 22, 1926, at the age of sixty-eight years, and is buried at Volant, Pennsylvania. His widow, who was born at Rich Hill, Lawrence County, in 1857, lives at Volant. There were two children in the Moorhead family: J. W., the subject of this sketch; and Ada A., married Ellis Hillard, lives at Volant, where he is engaged in the grocery business.

J. W. Moorhead received his education in the public schools of Volant and Grove City College. Mr. Moorhead was then employed in the superintendent's office of the Pennsylvania Railroad at New Castle for three years. He was then chief clerk in New York City for the Long Island Railroad a year, after which he returned to the Standard Steel Car Company, New Castle, as clerk. In two years he was promoted to chief clerk and paymaster of Vosala Pottery Company, New Castle, where he remained four years. Mr. Moorhead purchased the Harmony Foundry from a Mr. Flowers. This business was established about fifty years ago by a Mr. Weckbecker. Six months later Mr. Moorhead removed to Zelienople, where he resides. His factory specialties are municipal castings and state highway castings.

On October 29, 1913, Mr. Moorhead was married to Miss Gladys Katheryn Fulkerson, of New Castle, the daughter of Ira S. and Margaret (Naile) Fulkerson. They have one son, James Fulkerson Moorhead, born October 17, 1915, a student in the grade schools. Mrs. Moorhead is a member of the Eastern Star of New Castle, and the Women's Club of Zelienople.

Mr. Moorhead is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Masonic Club No. 243, New Castle; and of Valley of New Castle Consistory; and Syria Shrine of Pittsburgh. He was one of the organizers of the Rotary

Club of Zelienople in 1924. Its first president was Rev. Charles White; Dr. R. E. Gallagher, second president, and Mr. Moorhead is now serving as its third president. The club now has a membership of thirty-seven members. Mr. Moorhead is president of the Zelienople School Board and a member of the Ellwood City Country Club.

Mr. Moorhead is an enterprising and progressive citizen and is well and favorably known in Butler County.

W. Roy Smith, who is successfully engaged in the general insurance business at Zelienople, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Tylersburg, in McKean County, February 1, 1886, and is the son of J. D. and Emmaline (Graham) Smith.

J. D. Smith, who resides at San Diego, California, spent his early life in Pennsylvania and has always been interested in the furniture and undertaking business. Since about 1906 he has lived in California. His wife was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two sons: W. Roy, the subject of this sketch; and Claude D., lives at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania.

W. Roy Smith attended the public schools of Petrolia and Parkers Landing, and for several years was associated in business with his father. He then conducted a men's furnishing shop at Parkers Landing, where he remained until about 1910, when he removed to Harmony, and entered the employ of the Iron City Sanitary Manufacturing Company. Mr. Smith has been interested in the insurance business at Zelienople for several years, but resides at Harmony, where he is serving as postmaster.

Mr. Smith married Miss Emma Fiedler, of Harmony, the daughter of Jacob and Susanne (Wise) Fiedler. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Harmony. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Gretchen, born March 15, 1911; Daniel Fiedler, born September 7, 1913; and William Roy, Jr., born July 21, 1916.

Politically, Mr. Smith is a Republican, and he has served as councilman of Harmony. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Rotary Club of Zelienople. Mr. Smith has a wide acquaintance throughout Butler County and is highly esteemed.

George E. McGill is perhaps one of the leading and most important figures in the oil fields of Pennsylvania. He is general manager of the Troutman Gas & Oil Company of Butler County, director of the Guaranty Trust Company of Butler, and one of the widely known capitalists of this section. Mr. McGill was born at Springfield, Massachusetts, October 1, 1845, and is the son of George and Sarah McGill.

George E. McGill was five years old when his mother died and soon after his father took him to Chautauqua County, New York, where he died in 1857. Thus, when only a boy of twelve years, Mr. McGill was thrown on his own resources. He was an energetic and persevering lad and by hard work acquired sufficient funds to enable him to enter Westfield (New York) Academy, from which he was graduated. He then worked on a farm for a short time, and soon became interested in the oil fields of Venango County, Pennsylvania, as an engineer. He acquired leases and began drilling. His first efforts were unsuccessful, however, and when he had reached the age of twenty-one years he had lost \$16,000 in his investments and was also in debt to the extent of \$3,000. He refused to become discouraged even in the face of this disastrous loss and soon secured a small lease on the Foster farm, which produced 200 barrels per day, thus changing Mr. McGill's tide of fortune. He subsequently became one of the leaders and prominent operators of that famous field, and also had fields in Warren County, Pennsylvania. Mr. McGill founded the Commercial Club Livery, at Titusville, Pennsylvania, at a cost of \$22,000.

In July, 1872, Mr. McGill came to Butler County and put down the second well on the McClymonds farm at Karns City, which had an output of 125 barrels per day. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Titusville Oil Exchange, the first exchange to be established in this county. He is also a stockholder of the Riddle Farm Oil Company and owns about forty wells, which are independent of the above named companies.

The Troutman Gas & Oil Company has grown from a small organization to a million dollar enterprise and owes much of its success to the work and efforts of Mr. McGill, who is truly a pioneer in the oil business. He resides at Karns City.

Zenas McMichael has served as justice of the peace at Zelienople continuously since 1898, and is one of the best known and most highly esteemed pioneer citizens of Butler County. He was born in Center Township, Butler County, September 11, 1847, and is the son of Christopher and Barbara (Curry) McMichael.

Christopher McMichael, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania. He followed general farming during his entire life and was well known throughout Center Township. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in West Sunbury Cemetery.

Zenas McMichael grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He remained on the home place until 1898, when he removed to Zelienople. In that year he was elected justice of the peace, and has since served in that capacity. Mr. McMichael has also engaged in business at this place and has handled general insurance, having offices in the First National Bank Building.

On December 20, 1870, Mr. McMichael was united in marriage with Miss Sarah D. Williams, of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Robert and Susan (Williams) Williams, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. McMichael were born four children, as follows: Laura E., lives at Butler; Clyde G., deceased; Helen L., married J. W. Kaufman, lives at Zelienople; and Clarence B., lives at Zelienople.

Mr. McMichael has always been a Republican. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and for many years has served as elder.

Martin G. Marburger is a representative citizen of Evans City and a member of a family that has long been identified with the history of Butler County. He was born in Forward Township, Butler County, December 25, 1877, and is the son of John and Magdalene (Wahl) Marburger.

John Marburger, deceased, was a prominent citizen of Butler County. He was born on the old homestead in Forward Township, August 28, 1854. He spent his early life there and attended the district schools. Mr. Marburger became successful as a farmer and was one of the leading stockmen of the county. He owned 325 acres of well improved land and was also a prosperous merchant of Evans

City for many years, having conducted a meat business here from 1891 until the time of his death, November 27, 1925. He was a Democrat, a member of the Lutheran Church, and belonged to several lodges. Mr. Marburger married Miss Magdalene M. Wahl, of Forward Township, who now resides at Evans City. She is the daughter of Martin and Christian Wahl, both deceased. They were natives of Germany and early settlers of Forward Township, Butler County. To John and Magdalene (Wahl) Marburger were born the following children: Martin G., the subject of this sketch; Catherine Hall, lives at Evans City; Andrew, lives at Mars; John, lives on the old homestead in Forward Township; Wahl, lives on the old homestead in Forward Township; Ossmus, lives in Adams Township; Adam, lives in Forward Township; Minnie Watson, lives in Forward Township; and Harry, lives in Adams Township, Butler County.

John Marburger was the son of George Marburger, who was born in Hesse, Hingelhoff, Kreischluter, Germany, November 3, 1813. His father was George Marburger, who was also born in Germany in 1781. About 1838 the Marburger family emigrated to the United States and settled at Zelienople in Butler County. Later they removed to Evans City, where they have continued to live.

Martin G. Marburger was educated in the public schools of Evans City and later attended Butler Business College. At an early age he became associated with his father in the meat business and for many years has ranked among the successful merchants of the community. He is also a well known stockman, being a breeder of pure bred stock exclusively.

On March 7, 1899, Mr. Marburger was united in marriage with Miss Vivian Davidson, who was born near Parkersburg, West Virginia, the daughter of John and Lucretia (Lawrence) Davidson. Mr. Davidson lives at Evans City with his daughter. His wife is deceased. They have two children, Jeanette and Elizabeth, both students.

Politically, Mr. Marburger has always been a Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, and the Chamber of Commerce. He has served as a member of the school board for the past twelve years and is known throughout the community as an excellent citizen.

L. A. Hager is a popular young business man of Mars, where he is connected with the A. Q. Starr Brick Manufacturing Company. He was born in Butler County, February 8, 1899, and is the son of John and Christina (Bishop) Hager.

John Hager was born at Marion, Ohio, in 1846. He served throughout the Civil War and for many years was a prosperous and well known farmer of Butler County. He died in 1907 and is buried at Mars. His widow resides at Mars with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Hespenhive. Mr. and Mrs. Hager were the parents of nine children, two of whom are deceased, Lydia and Edward.

L. A. Hager has lived at Mars since he was a boy of seven years. He was educated in the public schools and worked at various occupations until 1916, when he accepted a position with the A. Q. Starr Brick Manufacturing Company. He is now a foreman for the concern.

In 1922 Mr. Hager was married to Miss Helen Huch, of Mars. They have had two children: Leland E., died in infancy; and Eleanor Y., born in 1925.

Mr. Hager is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

Alexander R. Burnett, superintendent of the Columbia Natural Gas Company, is a well known citizen of Zelienople. He was born at St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, September 18, 1887, and is the son of William George and Janet (Robertson) Burnett.

William George Burnett, deceased, was a native of Canada, and the son of Alexander Burnett, who was born in Scotland and who came to Canada when a young man. He was widely known as a tanner. His son, William George, was associated in the leather and tanning business with his father, and spent most of his life at Galt and St. Catharines, Ontario. He died in 1896. His wife, also born in Canada, died in 1924.

Alexander R. Burnett spent his boyhood at St. Catharines in Canada, and was educated there. He began his business career with the American Natural Gas Company at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1911 he came to Zelienople as superintendent of the American Nat-

ural Gas Company, and served in that capacity until 1925, when he was transferred to a similar position with the Columbia Natural Gas Company.

In March, 1917, Mr. Burnett married Miss Elenora O. Hutchison, of Harmony, Pennsylvania, the daughter of E. H. and Olive Hutchison. She was graduated from the high school at Harmony and attended Irvin College. She died January 7, 1927, and is buried in the Mausoleum at Zelienople. To Mr. and Mrs. Burnett two sons and a daughter were born: George H., born January 4, 1918; Alexander H., born April 17, 1920; and Janet, deceased.

Politically Mr. Burnett is a Republican. He has been a member of the Zelienople Board of Education for several years and for a number of years has been chairman of the boys' work committee of the Rotary Club. He is active in all branches of athletic work in the city and has a wide acquaintance throughout the community.

Mr. Burnett is a member of the Masonic Lodge and its various branches.

Hon. A. M. Douthett, registrar and recorder, of Butler, has for a number of years been a man of affairs in Butler County, where both officially and in his private capacity and in every way possible he has advanced the best interests and progressive improvement of his section. Mr. Douthett was born in Forward Township, Butler County, September 15, 1864, a son of David and Jane E. (Brown) Douthett.

David Douthett, deceased, was born in Forward Township, this county, July 4, 1814, and died May 23, 1885. His early life was spent on his father's farm and attending school in the winter time. Later he worked in Allegheny during the day and attended night school, and received a good English education. He was a great student of the Bible, and was considered one of the leading teachers of same. He had a trained legal mind and was a great debater, especially on such important subjects as "The Slavery Problem," "State Rights," "Signs of the Times," and other political and church problems. He took an active part in politics, was nominated for county commissioner in 1878, but was defeated by sixty-three votes, along with the rest of his party, on account of the greenback movement. He held

the office of school director for nine years, and was appointed by the county officials to form dividing lines of townships, in the southern part of Butler County. He was the first postmaster of Brownsdale, Pennsylvania. He belonged to the Covenanter Church until the time of the formation of the United Presbyterian Church in 1858, and became a member at that time, and served as elder until his death. Mr. Douthett was the owner of 225 acres of land in Butler County, and raised thoroughbred stock. This farm has been in the Douthett family for 126 years, and is known as the William Douthett farm.

Joseph Douthett, grandfather of David Douthett, came from Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and settled on what is known as the W. G. Douthett farm. The original Douthetts came from Ireland. Joseph Douthett married Rosanna Douthett, and they were the parents of the following children: Benjamin, Alexander, Johnston, Jacob, David, Charles, Rosanna, and Mary. Joseph Douthett was an elder in the Covenanter Church and church services were held in a tent on his farm.

Benjamin Douthett, son of Joseph Douthett, and father of David Douthett, was born in 1778 and died March 27, 1850. Jane Douthett, wife of Benjamin Douthett, whose maiden name was Smith, was born in 1786, and died May 27, 1847. Benjamin Douthett spent his early life in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and for many years was engaged in hauling merchandise between Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburgh. He followed his father to Butler County, and purchased fifty acres of land. This farm is known as the Samuel Douthett heirs' farm. Their children were: Joseph, John, Willia, David, Benjamin, Alexander, Samuel, Mary and Martha. When he died he was the owner of 500 acres of fine farm land.

Jane E. (Brown) Douthett, mother of the subject of our sketch, was born in Forward Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, June 14, 1825. She died in June, 1915, and she and her husband are buried in the Brownsdale Cemetery, Butler County. She was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Marshall) Brown. Her father was born in Big Springs, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and came to Butler County, at the age of ten years, with his father, Adam Brown. Joseph Brown was a man of good education, very industrious, and of excellent habits. After his marriage to Mary Marshall, they estab-

lished a home on what is now the Eli Hartzell farm. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Middlesex, Pennsylvania, and an expert rifleman and won many prizes in his day. Mary (Brown) Marshall was born in County Derry, Ireland, and came with her parents to the United States at the age of twelve years. They came in a sailing vessel which took three months to cross the ocean. They landed in Baltimore, where they remained for three months, and then came by wagon over the mountains to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where they remained one year, and then removed to Penn Township. They were the parents of three children: (1) Mary Brown Marshall; (2) Samuel Marshall, ex-judge of Butler County; (3) Thomas Marshall, a great criminal lawyer. Joseph and Mary (Marshall) Brown were the parents of six children: (1) Jane, married David Douthett; (2) Maj. Adam M. Brown, a prominent lawyer of Pittsburgh, known throughout Pennsylvania, died in August, 1910. He served as recorder of Pittsburgh and held many other important positions. (3) James Brown, lived in Illinois, where he became a very wealthy man; and three children died in infancy.

Joseph Brown was the son of Adam Brown, who was born in Germany and came in infancy to Big Springs, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and spent his early life on a farm. After his marriage he settled on a farm of his own, which he later sold, and removed farther west, traveling by wagons over the Allegheny Mountains and being subjected to all dangers of the time such as wild animals and robbers. He settled in Forward Township, Butler County, where he purchased 250 acres of land, later adding 150 acres more. He lived on this farm until his death. He is buried at Middlesex, Pennsylvania.

A. M. Douthett was educated in the public schools of Forward Township, going to school in the winter and working on his father's farm in the summer. On March 19, 1893, he entered the Witherspoon Institute of Butler. In June, 1883, he took examination for county certificate, receiving a certificate of creditable character. He easily secured a school and began teaching in the fall of 1883, at John's School, Forward Township. In the spring he continued his studies at Witherspoon Institute, and taught during the winter of 1884. On account of the death of his father in 1885, he was kept

out of school that summer, but took the examination for a professional certificate, which he received in the fall of that year. He taught at his home school that winter and entered the Academy at Harmony, Pennsylvania, as assistant teacher, also taking a course in the higher branches. He taught the following winter and the next spring received a state diploma. He continued teaching at the home school until 1889, at which time he was married. In 1890 he was elected county auditor, and the same year purchased a general store at Brownsdale, was appointed postmaster, which position he held for twelve years, at which time he sold his business. In 1902 he was elected to the State Legislature and took his seat in 1903, and served on important committees such as educational and agriculture committees. He was chosen for a second term, but owing to ill health he declined. After regaining his health he removed to Butler and was appointed on the board of inspection. He resigned this position in 1916 and removed to Petrolia, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the hardware business until 1922, when he sold out, and in the spring of 1923 became a candidate for registrar and recorder of the county. He was elected and is now serving in that capacity. He removed to Butler in January, 1924. Mr. Douthett is a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Brownsville. He has served in almost every capacity, as elder, trustee, superintendent of the Sabbath school, and teacher of the Bible class for ten years. He served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Tenth Sunday School District of Butler County, and for three years was its president. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the Butler County Sabbath School Association for fifteen years, and served as adult county superintendent for eight years.

To David and Jane E. (Brown) Douthett nine children were born: (1) Agnes J., born December 23, 1844, married John Brown Dobbs, both deceased. She died in September, 1924. (2) Benjamin W., born May 17, 1846; (3) James M., born January 15, 1850, resides on a farm in Butler County; (4) Dr. David K., born July 3, 1854, died November 19, 1922; (5) D. M., born March 18, 1856, resides in Lincoln, Nebraska; (6) Mary Esther Lucetta, born November 16, 1858; (7) William G., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history;

(8) A. M., the subject of this sketch; and (9) Walter S., born October 7, 1866, resides on the old homestead.

On February 23, 1889, A. M. Douthett was married to Miss Carrie Sober, born November 3, 1868, a daughter of Daniel and Jennie (Duff) Sober. Daniel Sober was born in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1893. His wife died in 1915, and both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Allegheny Township. Daniel Sober was reared on his father's farm and when a young man joined the Sixty-sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and fought during the Civil War. Upon his return to civil life he learned the blacksmith's trade and followed farming. He retired on account of ill health which he contracted during the war. There were eleven children in the Sober family, as follows: (1) William, deceased; (2) Edward K., retired, Philadelphia; (3) David B., a coal broker, Washington, District of Columbia; (4) Carrie (Sober) Douthett; (5) Rosalee, married Henry Sanders, resides in Leechburg, Pennsylvania; (6) Lillian, a twin sister of Rosalee, married William Benepe, Sumpton, Illinois; (7) Charles, deceased; (8) Lowry E., Canton, Ohio; (9) Lorell L., twin of Lowry, Decatur, Illinois; (10) Everett D., resides on the old homestead; and (11) Jennie, deceased, buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

To A. M. and Carrie (Sober) Douthett seven children have been born: (1) William O. D., born July 2, 1890, married Mabel Younkens, associated with the Douthett-Graham store, Butler. He enlisted May 15, 1917, for service in the World War, and was sent to Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio. He was in the Quartermaster's Corps, "Student Company 4," at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Florida. He was appointed sergeant on May 14, 1918, and was discharged from service November 29, 1918. (2) Daniel Sobel, born August 27, 1892, died August 8, 1893, buried in Brownsdale Cemetery; (3) Adam Mercer, born February 21, 1894, married Mabel Doerr. He is connected with the Crucible Steel Company, Midland, Pennsylvania; (4) Mary, born August 10, 1896, died January 11, 1897, buried in Brownsdale Cemetery; (5) Rosalee Lillian, born July 8, 1900, married R. F. Black, Crucible Steel Company, Midland, and they have three children: Dorothy Mae, William Rexford, and Caroline Douthett; (6) Carrie Mae, born November 29, 1903, a graduate of Fairview Town-

ship High School in 1920, and of Slippery Rock State Normal School in 1922, a teacher in the Butler schools; and (7) Mary Dorothy, born April 21, 1909, a graduate of the Butler High School, class of 1926.

The Douthett home is at 428 First Street, Butler.

S. Richard Twyford, the efficient city clerk of Butler, was born in Corydon, Indiana, October 31, 1889, the son of Chesley and Isabel Jane (Arthur) Twyford.

Chesley Twyford was born near Louisville, Kentucky, in July, 1850, and was the son of Allen Twyford. Isabel Jane (Arthur) Twyford was born in Evansville, Indiana, in 1852.

Chesley Twyford attended the schools of his native state and followed teaching for a time. He later learned the carpenter's trade, also was engaged in farming and general contracting. In 1892 the family removed to Arkansas, near Baldknob, where he purchased a farm of 400 acres and also engaged in the contracting business. He sold this farm in 1924 and retired from business. He resides in Beebe, Arkansas. Mr. Twyford is a Republican. He served as road supervisor and secretary of the school board for a number of years, and is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To Chesley and Isabel Jane (Arthur) Twyford eight children were born: (1) Rev. Henry Harrison, resides in Kansas City, Kansas, a Methodist minister; (2) Walter, owner of a business college at Green Bay, Wisconsin; (3) Belle, married Mr. Milliken, both deceased and buried in Bradford, Arkansas; (4) Thomas A., a building contractor, lives in Florida; (5) Emma, died at the age of thirteen, is buried in Carter Cemetery, near Russell, Arkansas; (6) Grover C., proprietor of a general machine shop, lives at Bradford, Arkansas; Anna, died at the age of thirteen, and is buried in Carter Cemetery, near Russell, Arkansas; and S. Richard, the subject of this sketch.

S. Richard Twyford was educated in the public schools and graduated from Bradford High School in the class of 1907, and studied for two years at the Arkansas State Normal School. He then took up a business course in a college at Fort Smith, Arkansas, graduating in 1910. After leaving college, he was principal of the Fort Smith

(Ark.) Commercial College, later being transferred to Augusta, Macon, Sandersville and Atlanta, Georgia, for the same college, where he taught and served as principal of these schools. He returned home and then went to Rockford, Illinois, where he taught school for two years. Returning to Bradford, Arkansas, he became cashier of the Bradford National Bank, where he remained one year. He then engaged in the feed and grain business with J. W. Little, under the firm name of the latter. In 1915 he sold his interest in this business and came to Butler, Pennsylvania. After remaining here but a short time he went to Green Bay, Wisconsin, and with his brother purchased a business college. He sold his interest in this and returned to Butler, and was bookkeeper for the Larkin Company for two and one-half years. He then served as an accountant with the Forged Steel Wheel Company, and later with the Standard Steel Car Company in the voucher department. On July 1, 1924, he was elected city clerk.

In 1913 Mr. Twyford was married to Miss H. Evelyn Wolford. To Mr. and Mrs. Twyford six children have been born: Florence Clara, born September 9, 1914; Isabel, born in 1916, died in 1920, buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Butler; Catherine Lucille, born in 1918; S. Richard, Jr., born January 2, 1919; Robert Chesley, born in 1921; and Clarence Allen, born in 1923.

Mr. Twyford is affiliated with Butler Lodge No. 272, F. and A. M., New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree, and the Knights of Malta. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

H. N. Herr, proprietor of the Mars Milling & Feed Company, is a progressive and enterprising business man of Butler County. He was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, June 13, 1879, and is the son of Henry L. and Phoebe (Wilson) Herr.

Henry L. Herr, who lives retired at St. Petersburg, Florida, was born in Pittsburgh and spent his early life there as a building contractor. He has been living retired in Florida for the past fifteen years. His wife was born in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Herr had three

children: Bessie, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; W. H., the subject of this sketch; and Gilbert L., lives at Buffalo, New York.

After completing his schooling in Pittsburgh, H. N. Herr studied civil engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. He was then interested in that profession for about fifteen years, after which he was a coal operator at McDonald, Pennsylvania. In 1923 Mr. Herr purchased his present business from Roy Glenn, of Butler. This milling business was founded in 1879 by Christopher Gebach and is one of the oldest enterprises of its kind in the county. Mr. Herr deals in feed, coal, builders' supplies, and has an excellent trade.

Mr. Herr was married August 10, 1909, to Miss Sarah E. McFeely, of Finleyville, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Frank and Sarah McFeely, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Herr have three children: Harry M., Donald C., and Della.

Mr. Herr is a Republican and since January 1, 1926, has served as president of the Borough Council of Mars. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

George E. Heineman is a substantial business man of Slippery Rock, where he is the proprietor of the popular restaurant, known as the "Luncheonette." He is a native of Butler, born February 23, 1870, and the son of Henry C. and Mary (Colge) Heineman.

Henry C. Heineman, deceased, was a native of Alsace-Lorraine. His parents emigrated to the United States about 1820 and settled at Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, later removing to Butler. Mr. Heineman owned and managed a book store in Butler for many years. He died at the age of eighty-eight years, and his wife, a native of Ireland, is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Heineman had the following children: Catherine, married W. W. Blackmore, lives at Butler; Charles M.; Harry D., died in 1926; William J., died in 1922; Rachael Matilda, married J. W. Lefevere, lives at Butler; Joseph A., lives at Butler; and George E., the subject of this sketch.

George E. Heineman received his education in the public schools of Butler and for some time was employed by the Bessemer Railroad Company. He is now interested in the restaurant business at Slip-

pery Rock, and conducts one of the finest dining places in the county, which is widely patronized.

Mr. Heineman married Miss Blanche Small, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. They have no children.

Politically, Mr. Heineman has always been a staunch Democrat and for forty-four years he has held membership in the First Presbyterian Church.

William A. Donkin, the manager of the Electric Supplies & Equipment Company, at Butler, Pennsylvania, was born in Nova Scotia, November 24, 1867, the son of James M. and Louise (Hall) Donkin.

James M. Donkin was born in Truro, Nova Scotia. He was reared on a farm and about 1874 went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he was engaged in the contract building business in and near Boston becoming one of the largest contractors of his time. He retired in 1920 and removed to Philadelphia. He died in 1921 and is buried at Philadelphia. His widow resides in that city. He was a Republican and a member of the Congregational Church. There were four children in the Donkin family: William A., the subject of this sketch; Charles C., a building contractor, Pittsburgh; Minnie L. married J. C. Mequier and lives in Chicago; and Margaret married Jesse Harris, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

William A. Donkin attended the public schools of Boston and Brockton, Massachusetts, and Bryant & Stratton's Business College. After leaving school he was in the contracting business with his father until 1902, when he engaged in road building. He removed to Pittsburgh in 1903 and worked as a salesman for the Duquesne Light Company, selling electricity. He remained with that concern for seventeen years, and resigned as general agent. In 1920 he formed a company known as the Keystone Ironing Machine Company, of which he was president. Mr. Donkin invented the pattern for this ironing machine. He closed out his business and in 1921 designed another ironer. In 1922 he came to Butler as salesmanager for the Electric Supplies & Equipment Company. In November, 1923, he purchased a one-third interest in the business, at which time he assumed

the duties of manager. The company carries a complete line of everything in the electrical business, and does a retail business exclusively.

In 1895 Mr. Donkin was married to Miss Julia Martin, daughter of John and Anne Martin, and they have a son, George W. Donkin, with the Hudson Motor Car Company, Pittsburgh. He married Lucy Turtin, and they have two children, William A. and Richard Radcliffe.

Mr. Donkin is a Republican, and fraternally is affiliated with Fraternity Lodge, No. 175, F. and A. M.; Knights of Pythias; and he is also a member of the Board of Commerce, International Association of Electrogists; Retail Credit Men's Association; Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce; and Pittsburgh Athletic Association. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

William Campbell Heginbotham, Jr., who is successfully engaged in business at Saxonburg, is a native of Butler County. He was born on a farm in Jefferson Township, January 9, 1869, and is the son of William and Elizabeth Ann (Bartley) Heginbotham.

William Heginbotham, Sr., deceased, was a prosperous farmer of Jefferson Township, Butler County, for many years. He was born in Bakerstown, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1842, and was the son of William and Margaret (Gormley) Heginbotham. Mr. Heginbotham came to this country from England in the early part of the 18th century and was a pioneer settler of Pittsburgh, where he was employed as a bricklayer for many years. He died about 1876. His wife was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. To them two sons were born: William, father of the subject of this sketch; and James. William Heginbotham died on his farm in Jefferson Township, September 1, 1918. He was married in October, 1865, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Bartley, the daughter of Campbell and Jane (Maharg) Bartley, prominent pioneers of Butler County. Mrs. Heginbotham was born on a farm in Middlesex Township, Butler County, in February, 1844, and died October 26, 1902. She was a member of the Clinton Union Presbyterian Church. To William and Elizabeth Ann (Bartley) Heginbotham nine children were born, as follows: Ida V., married Fred Knoch, lives at West Saxonburg, Pennsylvania; William C., the subject of this sketch; Margaret, deceased; Clara, married J. E. Kingan,

lives in Penn Township, Butler County; Annie E., married Albert Lindsey, lives in Oklahoma; John, lives at Elyria, Ohio; Pressley, lives in Penn Township, Butler County; Albert, lives at Elyria, Ohio; and Gilbert, lives at Saxonburg.

William C. Heginbotham grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Jefferson Township. He remained on the home place until he was nineteen years of age and then went to Wilksburg, Pennsylvania, where he learned the tinner's trade. In 1889 he located at Saxonburg and was employed by Herman Seipel for two years. Mr. Heginbotham then went to Pittsburgh and in 1897 returned to Saxonburg, where he has since conducted a tinning and sheet metal shop. He has met with success in his work and is one of the community's reliable business men.

On April 24, 1901, Mr. Heginbotham was united in marriage with Miss Lulu Anna May Berry, who was born near Brady's Bend, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1883. She is the daughter of David and Kate Stewart (Buzzard) Berry, natives of Clarion and Armstrong counties. Mr. Berry was an oil driller in early life and prominent in the oil fields of Pennsylvania. He died November 9, 1925, at the age of eighty-four years and his widow resides in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. She was born in 1856. To Mr. and Mrs. Berry were born four children: Blaine B., lives in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; Lawrence and Florence, both deceased; and Mrs. Heginbotham. Mrs. Heginbotham is a graduate of the Saxonburg schools. Her father was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted from Clarion County, Pennsylvania, in Company F, Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded in the battle of Winchester, Virginia, en route to Gettysburg. Her great great grandfather, Silvis, on her father's side, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and her maternal great great grandfather Stewart fought under Gen. George Washington in the same war. The Stewart family settled in Pittsburgh during the early days when the Indian warfare was raging in that section, and they were forced to take refuge in the old block house of Pittsburgh. Etna, a suburb of Pittsburgh, was first known as Stewartstown, being named in honor of the Stewart family.

To William Campbell and Lulu Anna May (Berry) Heginbotham three children were born: Katherine Elizabeth, born July 27, 1902,

in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania; Wallace William, born September 28, 1904, in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania; and Homer David, born June 7, 1908, died August 27, 1908.

Katherine Elizabeth married Rev. Arthur Louis Gaylord, of Geneva, New York, September 30, 1922. They have one daughter, Constance Stewart Gaylord, born November 15, 1923, in Buffalo, New York.

Reverend Gaylord is an Episcopal clergyman, formerly of Buffalo, New York, now at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Wallace William is associated in business with his father in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Heginbotham is a Democrat and has served as school director for a number of years, and he has also served as a member of the borough council. Mr. and Mrs. Heginbotham are members of the English Lutheran Church, and have a wide acquaintance in the community where they have spent so many years.

Lawrence Austin Eberhart, a leading farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County, was born on a farm near Chicora, October 9, 1890, and is the son of Jonathan A. and Jane J. (Ellenberger) Eberhart.

Jonathan A. Eberhart, fifth son of John and Catherine (Barnhart) Eberhart, was born near Chicora, Butler County, on July 2, 1861. After finishing his schooling, he helped his father at farming and stock raising, on their farm near Chicora. On July 2, 1889, he married Fannie Jane Ellenberger, of Fairview, Pennsylvania. To them was born a son, Lawrence Austin, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Eberhart died May 30, 1922. In politics, he was a Republican, holding various township offices. He was a member of the Reformed Church at Chicora and belonged to the Macabees.

Lawrence Austin Eberhart has always been interested in farming. In 1910 he became actively engaged in the oil business, and at present has interests in several producing wells.

Louis David Abner Eberhart, fourth son of John and Catherine (Barnhart) Eberhart, was born November 25, 1858, near Chicora. He purchased a small farm near Chicora, which he operated until 1900, when he removed to West Virginia. On March 30, 1883, he married Annie Margaret Daubenspeck, of North Washington, Penn-

sylvania. To them were born the following children: Loyal Lawrence, Eva Ada, Cora Estella, Mary Ethel, Lewis Earl, Helen Margaret, and Mildred Katherine. Loyal Lawrence Eberhart was born near Chicora, Butler County, January 15, 1883. He helped his father in the oil fields and moved with the family to West Virginia, where he was employed for a time. November 23, 1907, he married Laura May Dawson, of Springfield, Missouri. To them were born the following children: Lewis Dale, born at Chelsea, Oklahoma, and Margaret Eletha, born at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. At present he is interested in the production of oil at Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Eva Ada Eberhart, second child of Lewis D. A. and Annie M. (Daubenspeck) Eberhart, was born near Butler, August 15, 1884. She married James Austin Bell, of Grove City, Pennsylvania, on February 26, 1904. To them were born the following children: Loyal Austin, Perry Kerr, and Annie Thelma. Mr. Bell lives near Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, and is superintendent for the R. G. Galaspie Oil Company of Pittsburgh.

Cora Estella Eberhart was born near Chicora, March 25, 1887, and was married January 17, 1909, to William Andrew Heldreth, of Cario, West Virginia. Mr. Heldreth resides at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, where he is superintendent of the Gipsy Oil Company.

The Beighley Family.—The Beighleys were originally large landholders in the Rhine Valley of northern France. Their name was Buehl and they were French Huguenots who were in turn knighted and persecuted by French kings. Tradition relates this interesting incident. As it was the custom of Louis XIV and his Prime Ministers, who believed in the Divine Right of Kings, to force the Catholic faith upon his subjects, the detested Dragonade entered the home of Johan Buehl who handed the officer a small Bible saying, "I am guided by this book and I will flourish as yon evergreen tree." This was related to the King who so admired his courage that he knighted him as one of his officers, bestowed upon him a "coat of arms"—described by the college of heraldry—and gave him the name of Büchli—meaning little book referring to the little Bible which John had so bravely handed the soldier.

After the revoking of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV, they removed to Germany. When militaristic rule became unbearable there, they emigrated to America. The first to come was Conrad Beighley, the father of the early settlers of that name in Butler County. He sailed from Stuttgart, Germany, on the good ship Halifax and arrived in Philadelphia on October 22, 1754. We find that his father, Johanis Conrad Büchli, later came to this country with two other sons, Heinrich and Peter.

Upon arriving in this country, Conrad Beighley's fortunes were thrown in with a family named Wiles of Frederick County, Maryland, to whom he was bound as blacksmith apprentice. Conrad remained with Mr. Wiles until 1764 when he married Margareta, second eldest daughter of his employer. John or Johanis, the oldest child, was born in 1765. In 1790 he married Catherine Bachmann, daughter of Lieutenant Henry Bachmann. There were eleven other children in Conrad's family: Susan or Shusey, who married Nicholas Milliron; Henry, who married Catherine Milliron; Jacob, who married Sarah Lenhart, Elizabeth or Betsy, who did not marry; Peter, who married Susan Milliron; Catherine or Cassie, who married Henry Baumgartner; George, who married Christina Hoover; Adam, who married Miss Bixler; Mary or Polly, whose marriage is not mentioned; Daniel, who married Elizabeth Schreck; William, who married Annie Myers.

In 1773 Conrad Beighley with his wife and four children moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Here he remained one year, then made his way back to the Wiles and Bachmann relatives in Northampton County, his wife's younger sisters having returned there at the death of their mother. Here they lived for ten long years throughout the fierce struggle of our country for its independence. Here Conrad and his young son John both served their country beside their cousins Lieutenant Henry Bachmann and Peter Bachmann. We find in the Archives of Pennsylvania, Fifth Series, Volume 8, Page 333, the record of Conrad's service, also reference to that of his eldest son John. At the close of the Revolution he was allotted 150 acres in Westmoreland County for his military services. This record is found in Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, Volume 26, Page 397. Here Conrad Beighley and his wife Margareta lived until their death; here their children were married; here their church records are found; and here is recorded Conrad's last will and testament.

Conrad's children, John, Heinrich, Jacob, Peter, Catherine, George, and William are known to have removed to Butler County. John came first in 1796 and in 1798 moved here with his wife. He bought and later patented a 400 acre tract of land in what is now Connoquenessing and Lancaster townships, on which he lived until his death in 1846. His wife died in 1856. Their children were Susan (Shanor), Mary (Myers), John Conrad, George, Catherine (Myers), and Rachael (Rosebaugh).

John Beighley later bought a tract of land, known as the Chamberlain tract, west of the original 400 acres, one in Muddycreek Township on which his daughter Susan later lived, and 100 acres east and south of his home in Connoquenessing Township and south of Mt. Nebo Church.

From the Chamberlain tract, he donated the lands on which the Old Stone Church and the cemetery in Lancaster now stand. The church building was erected in 1829. Previous to the erection of the church, services were held in the barn still in use on the old homestead in Connoquenessing Township.

The son John Conrad died when a young man. The remaining children married and settled on farms given them by their father. George, the other son, in 1826, married Jane Dunn, a daughter of John Dunn of Evansburg and Evans City. They lived until their death on the old homestead where John Beighley originally settled.

Seven children were born to this union—Eleanor Jane, Catherine Ann, Mary Ann, John Conrad, George Washington, Henry Bachmann, and Isaac Newton. Eleanor Jane married John Forrester, a farmer and stockman prominent throughout this section in the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Catherine Ann married Montgomery Dunn, a prominent farmer and plasterer of Franklin Township. Mary Ann married Joseph Shearer, a blacksmith of the good old type who lived in Whitestown. John Conrad, the eldest son, was a teacher and millwright who superintended the building of the grist mills, water-power saw mills, and furnaces constructed between 1850 and 1880 throughout the county. George Washington, the second son, was a farmer and superintended the farming for George Beighley, his father, in later years. He was also a good mechanic and served an enlistment in the Civil War. Henry Bachmann entered the army while quite young and upon his

return graduated from Eastman Business School, Poughkeepsie, New York. Shortly afterward he went to Colorado where he engaged in transportation and mining business at which he was quite successful.

Isaac Newton, upon his return from the army, attended Duff's Business School in Pittsburgh and engaged in mercantile and building business. He moved to the middle west but soon returned to Pennsylvania, becoming engaged here and in West Virginia in building and contracting. He located permanently in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where he became successful and is well and favorably known. He alone of George and Jane Beighley's family remains at this time.

J. C. Beighley in 1860 married Mary Catherine Albert, daughter of George Albert of Franklin Township. He settled in Connoquenesing Township near where his father and grandfather had lived. Their children were J. Franklin, Eleanor Jane, George B., who resides on the place where his father lived since 1865; William Cornelius, Albert Henshaw, Mary Lavinia, Sarah Evaline, and Louisa Alberdena. William C. died when twenty years of age; Albert H. lives in Miami, Oklahoma, and is engaged in building business; Ellen J. is the wife of Rev. George J. Diener of Butler, Pennsylvania; Mary L. married John E. Kniess, both deceased; Sarah Evaline is the wife of I. W. Thompson; Louisa A. is the wife of T. J. Allen.

The military record of the Beighley family is worthy of notice.

Conrad Beighley served in the Revolutionary War as a private from Pennsylvania, Northhampton County, First Company of Captain Wagner, Fourth Class, under Lieutenant Bachmann, command of Philip Boehm, 1782. Reference—Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 8, Page 333.

John Beighley served in the Revolutionary War as a private from Pennsylvania, Northhampton County, Fourth Company, Eighth Class. Reference—Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 8, Page 311.

In the War of 1812, John Beighley and Peter Beighley served as privates in Captain Boston's Rifle Company of 138th Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia under command of Lieutenant Robert Miller, order of Major General Mead, January 1—February 22, 1814. Reference—Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Volume 2, Page 95.

Also record of annuity paid his widow. Original transfer in possession of descendants.

In the Civil War, George W. Beighley served in Captain Pillow's Company. Henry B. Beighley served in Twenty-second Volunteer Cavalry (Ringold Cavalry). Isaac N. Beighley served in Company C, Twenty-second Cavalry (Ringold Cavalry), C. J. McNulty, Captain.

In the Spanish-American War, Sidney N. Beighley served in Company C, Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry, Captain Daniel Bierer, Hawkins Regiment.

In the World War, George Beighley of Butler, grandson of George W. Beighley, served in the World War. J. Mann Diener of Butler, and Conrad M. Beighley of Prospect, both grandsons of J. C. Beighley, served in the World War. Several other descendants of George and Jane Beighley served their country in this last conflict.

Edward Everett Abrams is well known as one of the representative business men of Butler County. He was born at Rimersburg, Pennsylvania, on July 9, 1856, the son of James Henry and Hannah (McCutcheon) Abrams.

Henry Abrams was born in Wales about 1720 and first touched the shores of Virginia and settled near Staunton, then moved to Turkey Foot, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, in 1765, being the first settler in that county. His son Gabriel, one of three children, was born at Turkey Foot, October 11, 1750 and married Rebakah Loveberry. There were nine children in their family and one of their sons, David, born November 9, 1795 married Nancy McClelland, daughter of William McClelland, in 1819, at McClellandtown, Pennsylvania. The McClellands came from Scotland.

The Abrams family were Cumberland Presbyterians and two of them were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. Henry, of Turkey Foot was very active, holding a commission as second lieutenant in the first battalion, and Gabriel, enlisted in Bedford County, Pennsylvania and served as a private.

James Henry Abrams, son of David and Nancy (McClelland) married Hannah McCutcheon on May 5, 1854 at New Brighton, Penn-

sylvania. She was the daughter of William Dixon McCutcheon whose father was born in Ireland and was an early settler at New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Edward E. Abrams passed his early years in Rimersburg where he attended the common schools and the Clarion Collegiate Institute of his native place; also at the Clarion Seminary and Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Then a course at a Military Academy at Tarrytown-on-Hudson and a commercial course at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. At the age of eighteen he was first sergeant Company F, Seventeenth Regiment, National Guards of Pennsylvania.

His father was one of the pioneers in the lumber, oil and steamboat business on the Allegheny river. He and his brother Capt. William M. Abrams owned the steamboat "General Larimer" and were members of the firm of Jacob Shirk & Company who erected the first warehouse at Oil City, and transported oil in barges and later in barrels to Pittsburgh. In the early sixties—those years were the most thrilling, intensely exciting and romantic on the wonderfully beautiful Allegheny river.

James H. Abrams was a prominent oil producer at Karns City, Pennsylvania in 1874 and in 1876 his son Edward joined him in the business at Bradford as well as in Butler County.

In the year 1879 Edward E. Abrams purchased the famous Meclimans oil farm on which the town of Karns City was built in the year 1874, and made his home there until 1886 when Butler became his place of residence. He has been a prominent factor in the commercial and business life of Butler County and in 1900 was one of the original and very active incorporators of the Butler County National Bank, which he served as director and member of the Discount Board for ten years. After resigning from that institution he joined with several bankers and business men who in the year 1910 established the Farmers National Bank of which he has been an active director and continues to serve this very successful institution.

Mr. Abrams has devoted some part of his time to public affairs, believing it to be the duty of a good citizen when called upon to make some sacrifice for good government. A stanch Republican he was elected a delegate to the state convention that elected Senator Quay

for State Treasurer. He was chairman of the Republican County Committee in the Beaver campaign in 1886 and was elected in 1892 alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention at Minneapolis. In 1896 he was Presidential elector and at the Electoral College in January 1897 cast his ballot for McKinley and Hobart.

Mr. Abrams was married on August 20, 1879 by Bishop Stevens of Pennsylvania to M. Genevieve Allen, daughter of Charles M. Allen. Mr. Allen was appointed consul to the Bermuda Islands by President Lincoln during the Rebellion and continued in that office until his death in 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Abrams are the parents of Myra Genevieve, who married George A. Cypher, Jr.; Lucile who is the wife of Major Donald C. Cubbison, U. S. A.; Eleanor; Edward Everett; Allen, who married Juanita Spyker; Dorothy Hannah, who died at the age of two years. John McClelland, who married Elizabeth Finch; Richard Henry and Elizabeth Loveberry.

The family belong to the First Presbyterian Church of which Mr. Abrams has been a Trustee for a score of years.

Among his treasures is the Abrams family Bible "Printed by Mark, and Charles Kerr, His Majesty's Printers at Edinburgh by His Majesty's special command in 1773."

He is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of New York and one of the original stockholders of the Butler Country Club holding certificate number one.

On January 16, 1911, he was elected Trustee of the Booth Cemetery Association. It is perhaps worthy of note that this cemetery is one of the most beautiful in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Abrams continues in the oil and coal business.

Mr. Abrams has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce for twenty years.

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William G. Bradford, VI, Boy Scout executive of Butler County, located at Butler, has been interested in the Boy Scout movement ever since leaving college. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, November 12, 1899, the son of Dr. William Gavitt and Sarah Olivia (Goldsboro) Bradford V.

Dr. William Gavitt Bradford V, was born in Manchester, Ohio, November 3, 1870. He was a graduate of Ohio-Wesleyan School of Theology, the University of Cincinnati Dental College, and practiced his profession in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, Delaware, Ohio, Little Rock, Arkansas, Providence, Rhode Island, and Baltimore, Maryland. He died in 1909 and is buried in Baltimore, Maryland. He was prominent in politics and was a member of the Baltimore Republican League, in which he was an active worker. Fraternally he was affiliated with the B. P. O. Elks, past exalted ruler; A. F. and A. M., Landmark, No. 127; and belonged to the county, state and national dental associations. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Bradford resides in Baltimore. There were two children in the Bradford family: William G., the subject of this sketch; and Helen Grace, a graduate of Baltimore High School, and attending a private school at Rawley, North Carolina.

William Garritt Bradford, V, was the son of Capt. William and Matilda (Price) Bradford, natives of Ironton, Ohio. Capt. William Bradford was a Civil War veteran, being a captain in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was born in 1835 and died in 1907. For many years he was interested in the tug boat industry on the Ohio River.

Capt. William Bradford, IV, was the son of William Bradford, III, an agriculturist of Ironton, Ohio.

Sarah Olivia (Goldsboro) Bradford was the daughter of Louis D. and Mary Virginia (Thompson) Goldsboro, natives of Maryland. He was born in 1840 at Westminster, Maryland, and is one of the department managers of the Baltimore Sun. Mrs. Goldsboro died in 1918 and is buried in Baltimore, where Mr. Goldsboro resides. Louis D. Goldsboro was the son of Dr. Leaner Worthington Goldsboro, physician and surgeon, the son of William Goldsboro, of Frederick, Maryland, who was a brother of Charles Goldsboro, governor of Maryland at one time. The Goldsboro family dates back to 700 A. D., York-

shire, England. The first Goldsboro to come to America was Nicholas Goldsboro, who was born in Dorsey County, England, at Malcolm Regis, in 1640. At the age of nineteen years he married Margaret Howes of Buck County, England. He arrived at Kent Island, Maryland, in 1670. His son, Robert, was a barrister of the Kings Council of Law. Robert Goldsboro had a son, Robert Goldsboro, II, who was acting governor of Maryland in 1694 under royalty of England. His son, Charles Goldsboro, was clerk of the Court of Dorchester County, Maryland, and a prominent member of the bar. His son, Hon. Robert Goldsboro, was a prominent lawyer and statesman, a member of the Council of Safety, and a delegate to the Continental Congress, and a delegate to the Continental Convention. He was one of the three members of Maryland who signed the Declaration of Independence, but was ill with pneumonia, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton was appointed in his place. The Goldsboro family married into the Poe family, and Edgar Allen Poe's aunt married Dr. Charles Goldsboro.

The early education of William G. Bradford, VI, was acquired in Baltimore, where he graduated from high school in 1917. He was graduated from Baltimore City College in 1921, and immediately received an appointment in the Boy Scout headquarters at Baltimore as a member of the staff. In November, 1921, he was appointed assistant executive of the Baltimore Council. In July, 1923, he received a commission as scout executive of the Eastern Shore Council, Boy Scouts of America, with headquarters at Salisbury, Maryland. On October 1, 1925, he was transferred to Butler County in his present position.

Mr. Bradford is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Y. M. C. A. He is affiliated with Landmark A. F. and A. M., No. 127, Baltimore; St. John's Royal Arch, Chapter No. 13; Concordia Council, No. 1, R. S. S. M.; Crusade Commandery, K. T. No. 5; Bourne Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Syria Caravan, A. A. O. N. M. S., all of Baltimore, Maryland, as well as a member of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Bradford is a young man, who by virtue of his capacity and training, can and does accomplish much for the young men of Butler County.

James McCafferty Galbreath, a former judge of the courts of Butler County, who succeeded Judge Greer on the bench, is a son of Robert and Isabella (McCafferty) Galbreath, and was born in Winfield Township, Butler County, September 27, 1852. He attended the public schools of Winfield Township, Slate Lick Academy at Slate Lick, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, Witherspoon Institute in Butler, Pennsylvania, Princeton University, from which he graduated in 1880 with the degree of A. B. Westminster College conferred upon him the degree of LL. D. He read law in the office of W. D. Brandon, was admitted to the bar of Butler County, March 6, 1882, and is a member of the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania and of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania. In 1884 he formed a partnership for the practice of law with James B. McJunkin, which continued under the firm name of McJunkin and Galbreath until 1901. In 1902 he became the Republican candidate for the office of judge of the courts of Butler County, to which he was duly elected and served as President Judge from January 5, 1903, to January, 1914—eleven years. The last year was served by appointment of Governor Tener to fill the vacancy existing between the expiration of his elective term and the next election at which a judge could be elected, which occurred in the fall of 1913, having been changed from the fall of 1912 by the amendment to Section 2 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania adopted November 2, 1909, changing the general election from an annual to a biennial one. After the expiration of his judicial term he returned to private practice, forming a partnership for the practice of law in 1925 with his daughter, Edith B. Galbreath.

He served as school director in Butler Borough for six years, is President of the Board of Trustees of Slippery Rock State Normal School, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Westminster College. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he has always been active, having been moderator of its General Assembly, and a Ruling Elder in the First United Presbyterian Church of Butler for twenty-five years, superintendent of its Sunday School and a bible teacher for about forty-five years.

During his entire professional life Judge Galbreath has taken active part in the political, educational, civic and religious affairs of

his county. His advice and assistance have been frequently sought and freely given. Prior to his elevation to the bench he had acquired a reputation at the bar as a careful, conscientious, thorough student of the law, in the practice of which he had been eminently successful. On the bench his success was marked, where his reputation as one of the leading Common Pleas judges extended throughout the State. He had the judicial temperament to a very high degree, his conduct on the bench being dignified, patient and courteous, where he continued as a deep student of the law, expediting the work of the court and applying the law to the facts in such a manner as resulted in a highly successful record. Since the end of his judicial term he has brought to active practice a ripened judgment and experience and a profound knowledge of the law, which characteristics he has continued to develop and which have made him an outstanding example of the best traditions of the bar.

On May 18, 1882, Judge Galbreath married Sarah E. Mitchell. They have three children: Edith, a member of the bar of Butler County; Irene, wife of Robert B. Ivory, Esquire, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and John.

Edith Belle Galbreath, attorney of Butler, is a daughter of James M. and Sarah (Mitchell) Galbreath. She was born and reared in Butler. After graduation from Butler High School she attended Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, from which she was graduated in 1906 with the degree of A. B. She studied law in the office of her father and was admitted to the Bar of Butler County April 1, 1925, when she became a partner for the practice of law with her father. Miss Galbreath is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Butler.

William B. Purvis, son of Joseph L. and Helen (Cooper) Purvis, was born in Butler, November 2, 1875. After graduating from Butler High School he was graduated from Westminster College in 1898 with the degree of A. B. and from the Law Department of the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania in 1901 with the degree of LL. B. His legal preceptor was James M. Galbreath, and he was admitted to the Bar of Butler County July 13, 1901. He is a member of the bar of the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania. He served as District Attorney of Butler County from January, 1912, to January, 1916.

Mr. Purvis was Secretary of the Butler Driving Park & Fair Association from 1906 to 1922, and has been President of the Butler Savings & Trust Company since 1923. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Butler, Pennsylvania, and is a Thirty-second Degree Mason.

Geo. H. Davy, proprietor of the Davy Drug Store, Butler, Pennsylvania, has been a pharmacist for over twenty years, all of which time has been spent in that city. He was born in Jackson Center, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1884, the son of F. H. and Catherine (Moon) Davy.

F. H. Davy was born near Jackson Center, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1854, a son of John and Elizabeth (Ride) Davy. His father, John Davy, spent his life as a farmer in Mercer County and is buried at Jackson Center in that county.

F. H. Davy was reared in Mercer County and for 30 years followed farming and stockraising, being the owner of a fine farm in that county. In 1894 he removed to Butler where he was engaged in the meat business for a year, later went into the dairy business which he successfully conducted for nine years. He then was employed by the Grand Union Tea Company for three years. In May, 1908, Mr. Davy was elected Justice of the Peace on the Republican ticket, and when Butler became a city he was elected an alderman, where he has served for three consecutive terms, and is now holding that office. He is a Republican and a member of St. Paul's Reform Church. He is also a member of the Woodmen of the World and has been the secretary for that lodge in Butler for several years. On September 6, 1877, he married Miss Catherine A. Moon. To F. H. and Catherine (Moon) Davy four children were born: Geo. H., the subject of this sketch; Mary, married H. C. Yockey, a druggist, reside at Zelienople,

and they have three children, Robert, John, and George; Ella, at home; and Hazel, deceased, buried at Millbrook, Pennsylvania.

Geo. H. Davy lived on his father's farm and attended the public schools of Mercer County. He graduated from Butler High School in 1903, and then entered the College of Pharmacy, University of Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1906. Upon completing his course Mr. Davy entered actively upon the practice of pharmacy as druggist for the W. P. Welshons Drug Store for three years. He then purchased an interest in the store of E. E. Knight & Company on Center Avenue, Butler. Eighteen months later he purchased the interest of Mr. Knight and became owner of the store, and the name changed to Geo. H. Davy Pharmacy. In March, 1916, this store was torn down and Mr. Davy purchased the W. E. Welshon Drug Store, which was the Boyd Pharmacy, and removed his entire stock to his new store, and for over 11 years has conducted a high class drug store and pharmacy, and while that is a business demanding close personal attention he has not neglected some of the duties of citizenship.

In 1910 Mr. Davy was married to Miss Ella Cumberland, a daughter of J. H. and Emma Cumberland, natives of Butler, where Mr. Cumberland is employed by the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Davy have one daughter, Catherine, a student in Butler High School.

Mr. Davy is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Past Chancellor Commander; B. P. O. Elks, No. 170, and Board of Commerce. Politically he is a Republican and he and his family are members of St. Paul's Reform Church.

David S. Davis is well and favorably known in Butler, Pennsylvania, where he is manager of the Schroeder Piano Company. He was born near Wheeling, West Virginia, and is a son of Levi and Anna Elizabeth (Brown) Davis.

Levi Davis, deceased, was a native of Ohio, born October 15, 1844. He attended the public schools and served during the Civil War in Company B, First Virginia Volunteer Infantry. He participated in all the engagements of his regiment and was slightly

wounded. During one engagement all of his company had retreated except his captain and himself. Finally the captain said: "Mr. Davis, we had better get out of here. All the rest have gone." This is recorded in the history of the First Virginia Volunteer Infantry. After his return from the war Mr. Davis worked in the coal mines, operating in Ohio, until he retired. He died in 1916. His wife, who was born September 20, 1853, died in 1925, and they are both buried at Martins Ferry, Ohio. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic, Thoburn Post No. 92, of which he was past commander. To Levi and Anna Elizabeth (Brown) Davis six children were born: Iona, married Frank Walters, a retired steel man, Martins Ferry; George W., auto accessory business, Martins Ferry; J. W. Davis, piano business, Butler; Martha, married Daniel Terrill, Martins Ferry; Clara, married Fred Earnst, lumber contractor, Wheeling, West Virginia; David S., the subject of this sketch.

David S. Davis attended the public schools in Martins Ferry, and later began work in a coal mine operated by his father. He worked for the Laughlin Nail Company, and the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company as a roller. He then was associated with F. W. Baumer Piano Company, Wheeling, West Virginia, as a salesman, where he learned the piano business in its entirety, remaining with the company for six years. He then went to Pittsburgh and was with the Schroeder Piano Company as a salesman, later was transferred to Butler and made manager of the store, which position he still holds. The Schroeder Piano Company is one of the big institutions of Western Pennsylvania. Their Butler store consists of a modern up to date store of three floors, and they carry about 100 pianos as well as phonographs, rolls, and records. They handle the Kurtzman, Brinkerhoff, Auto piano, and Schroeder Brothers pianos.

Mr. Davis married Miss Mary Garrett, a daughter of James and Margaret (Donovan) Garrett, natives of Martins Ferry, Ohio. He was a machinist. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett are both deceased and are buried at Martins Ferry. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis four children have been born: Helen and Edna, students, and Mary and Levi, at home.

Mr. Davis is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Butler Board of Commerce.

John C. Dight. For years prominent in various departments of public service, a leader in State and local matters of civic importance, Mr. Dight is one of the most progressive citizens of both city and county, and active in all interests for the good of the community. He is the son of Rev. John M. Dight, a clergyman of the United Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania, who died in 1912, and Martha (Rutchev) Dight, of Venango County, who died in 1923.

John C. Dight was born November 17, 1876, in Butler County, where he attended the public schools, afterwards graduating at Clarion Normal School with the class of 1895, and then taking an uncompleted course at Westminster College. Identified with newspaper work the larger part of his life, he was special correspondent for two terms of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, and for a year in the National Congress, at Washington, District of Columbia. After two years in the employ of a Philadelphia newspaper, Mr. Dight went to Brookville, as editor of the Brookville "Republican", and he later founded the Brookville "American," of which newspaper he was editor for three years. Removing to Butler he became manager of the Butler "Citizen," and on April 1, 1922, he bought out the interests of Charles E. Herr in the Butler "County Record" and since that time he has continued to be editor and sole owner of that paper. The "Record" dates back to 1877, when it was known by that title, and in 1888 the present title, Butler "County Record," was given it. A weekly newspaper of eight to twelve pages of six columns, it has a circulation of 3,000. Since taking over the plant, Mr. Dight has greatly increased the circulation, and it is the only Republican newspaper in this county. Mr. Dight maintains a job-printing business as well, where he specializes in legal documents, probably seventy-five per cent of all such work being done in this shop.

Mr. Dight is a Republican in politics, and he was a delegate to the National Convention in 1912 from the Twenty-second District. He has served as Republican county chairman of this county, and as president of the County School Board. He was president of the Butler County Good Roads Commission for four years; secretary and treasurer of the Perry Highway Association; secretary of the Butler County Supervisor's Association; and president of the County Anti-Tuberculosis Association. He was assigned by the Pittsburgh Cham-

ber of Commerce to have charge of road supervision in Western Pennsylvania, and he was the prime mover in founding the Butler Historical Association.

During the World War, Mr. Dight had charge of the "four-minute" speakers of Jefferson County, and received the United States Government certificate for his work. He is a member of many organizations, including Butler Country Club and the Sterling Club; and he is a past president of the Lions International Club. For 17 years he served as an elder of the United Presbyterian Church, and he was assistant clerk of the General Presbyterian Assembly.

John C. Dight married, October 28, 1899, Blanche T. Harper, a daughter of Cyrus and Mary Harper, and they are the parents of Anna and Grace Dight, twins, born August 13, 1911.

Dr. Charles H. Stover, optometrist, is a leading and widely known citizen of Butler, where he has engaged in the practice of his profession for the past 30 years. He was born at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1873, and is the son of Jacob and Belle W. (Halde-man) Stover.

Both Jacob Stover and his wife are deceased. They were natives of Gettysburg, where Mr. Stover engaged in the general mercantile business for many years.

Charles H. Stover attended the schools of Gettysburg and took professional work in a college at that place. He was later graduated from South Bend College of Optics in 1896, and from the Northern Illinois College of Opthomology in 1903. Doctor Stover also took post graduate work in 1905 and 1906 in Philadelphia, where he received his Master's degree. He established offices at Kittanning, but shortly afterward removed to Butler, where he has since maintained offices at 317 South Main Street.

Doctor Stover married Miss Ella Beck, of Washington, Pennsylvania, who is now deceased. They had two children: John J. and Mary Belle.

Doctor Stover is independent in politics. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Elks lodge and is highly esteemed in the community where he has spent so many years.

J. Earl Kaufman ranks high among the reliable and successful young business men of Butler. He was born in this city, April 26, 1896, and is the son of Julius and Sara (Shloss) Kaufman.

Julius Kaufman, deceased, was a native of Germany. After coming to this country he settled in Philadelphia and later removed to Butler, where he engaged in the dry goods business until his death, which occurred in 1903. His widow resides in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman were born three children: Bertram, lives at Lexington, Ky.; Ruth, married John R. Daly, lives at Huntington, West Virginia; and J. Earl, the subject of this sketch.

J. Earl Kaufman attended the public and high schools of Butler, from which he was graduated in 1914. He volunteered for service at the outbreak of the World War and in October, 1917, went to Camp Sherman, Ohio, where he was assigned to Headquarters Company, 323 Field Artillery. He served in France for a year with the 32nd Division, American Expeditionary Force.

Upon his return to this country after the close of the war, Mr. Kaufman became interested in the men's furnishing business in Butler. The store is located at 245 South Main Street. He is also interested with the John B. Rogers Producing Company, distinctive producers of amateur productions, of Fostoria, Ohio.

Mr. Kaufman is a Republican and belongs to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is past commander of the latter. He is unmarried and lives at 501 West Jefferson Street.

The Joseph T. Black Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was chartered in October, 1919, Thomas E. Cole, Joseph Curts and Fred Stover, three of its charter members who had belonged to a Pittsburgh post, being most active in arranging for the first meeting. The post was organized by Past Commander-in-Chief Robert G. Woodside with a membership of 24. One of the first steps taken by the newly organized post was to extend an invitation to the members of the A. G. Reed Post, G. A. R., to join as honorary members. The majority of these veterans were taken in at an early meeting and proved to be of great assistance to the Post, credit being due particularly to the

late Senator Andrew Williams, the late Col. Wm. A. Lowry, and the late John Brown for their help and counsel. Quarters were secured on the third floor of what was then the Guaranty Trust Building, which was given to them by the directors, rent free.

In about two years they outgrew these quarters and then leased the third floor of the McBride Building. Early in its history the idea of service to the community was instilled in the members and the activities at first consisted mostly of burying all comrades when request for a military funeral was made. A firing squad was furnished for the funeral of every comrade whose body was shipped to Butler County from France. The Post also furnished firing squads for funerals of G. A. R. veterans in all parts of the County and assisted each year in decorating the graves of soldiers. Later on, other activities were taken up and Poppy Day was instituted, the receipts from the sale of these poppies being placed in a special fund for relief work in Butler County. Since this fund was started it has never been exhausted and by means of it the Post has been able to assist soldiers and their families in every worthy case of distress which has been brought to their attention. On August 4, 1925, the Lefever Building on Church Street was purchased and remodeled into a permanent home for the Post. This has proved to be very comfortable quarters. Three apartments on the second floor are rented, the proceeds bringing enough revenue to maintain the building. The financing of the Post has been done entirely by its own members, no drive or solicitations from the public having ever been made. The post is working in harmony with all accredited organizations of ex-soldiers.

The activities engaged in at the present time is relief work for soldiers and their families throughout the County; watching and assisting in procuring legislation for the benefit of ex-soldiers, sailors and marines; properly celebrating all national holidays, particularly Memorial Day and Armistice Day; securing monuments and memorials throughout the county; co-operating with and assisting the Boy Scout movement; Americanization work; and in fact all other projects beneficial to Butler and Butler County. The Post has been responsible for the organization of Harmony Post, the Post at Mars which was later absorbed by the Butler Post, the Post at Punxsu-

tawney and others. At the present time it has a membership of over four hundred active members, being one of the largest in the State, and a Ladies Auxiliary of about half that membership. It is very active socially and maintains a steady growth. In the year 1925 the Post was honored in having one of its past commanders, Fred Stover, elected National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at the National Encampment at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

C. L. McKindree, who is manager of the Newark Shoe Company, is one of the enterprising and well known young business men of Butler. He was born February 21, 1905, and is the son of S. A. and Blanche (Kahle) McKindree.

S. A. McKindree is a native of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. He has spent most of his life at Kahletown, where he is extensively engaged in the lumber business. His wife is a native of that place. Mr. and Mrs. McKindree have the following children: C. L., the subject of this sketch; Verla; Doyle; Delbert; and Harold.

C. L. McKindree received his education in the public and high schools of Butler, from which he was graduated in 1926. Since that time he has been in charge of the local store of the Newark Shoe Company at 242 South Main Street. The local business was established about ten years ago and has a well established trade.

Mr. McKindree is a Republican and a member of the North Street Christian Church.

David E. Ekin is well and favorably known in Butler, where he is connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as local freight agent. He was born at Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1893, and is the son of Robert I. and Mary Jane (Brenneman) Ekin.

Robert I. Ekin, deceased, was a prominent farmer of Butler County, where he was born. He died in 1899, and his wife, also born in this county, died in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Ekin had the following children: John J., lives in Baltimore, Maryland; Walter C., lives in Baltimore, Maryland; Mary Blanch, lives in Pittsburgh; Robert I., lives

in San Francisco, California; Harry, lives in Fresno, California; Hattie, lives in Washington, D. C.; and David E., the subject of this sketch.

David E. Ekin spent his boyhood in Butler and Indiana counties and also attended the schools of Steubenville, Ohio, and Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. In 1910 he entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Pittsburgh, and after eight years was transferred to Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. Ekin has been in Butler in charge of the local freight office since 1924.

In 1917 Mr. Ekin was married to Miss Agness Ray of Pittsburgh, and they have a daughter, Betty Jean.

Mr. Ekin is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and Kiwanis Club. He is active in the work of the Board of Commerce and is an enterprising citizen of the community.

Dr. Joseph Clarence Caldwell, a physician of Butler, is well known throughout the community, both as a successful man in his profession and as an excellent citizen. He was born in Jefferson Township, Butler County, December 1, 1867, and is the son of John B. and Nancy Jane (Robinson) Caldwell.

John B. Caldwell, who lives retired in Butler, was born in this county in 1844. He is well known throughout Jefferson Township, where he engaged extensively in general farming and stock raising for many years. He also served as sheriff of Butler County at one time. His wife, who was born in Jefferson Township, died in 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell had six children, as follows: Joseph Clarence, the subject of this sketch; William Ellery, a physician, lives at Springfield, Massachusetts; Sarah Belle, the widow of Zeno Ziegler; Merlin, was a widely known physician, died in 1904; John Oren, deceased; and LaVerne Ferguson, lives at Louisville, Ohio.

Joseph Clarence Caldwell attended the public and high schools of Butler and West Sunbury Academy. He then taught school for several years before taking up the study of medicine at Western Pennsylvania Medical College, Pittsburgh, from which he received his degree in 1895. Doctor Caldwell engaged in practice at Bakerstown,

Pa., for ten years and in March, 1907, located in Butler. He is identified with the Allegheny County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

On October 23, 1901, Doctor Caldwell was married to Miss Mildred Wright Buxton, of Butler County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Buxton. They have three children: Mary Eleanor, a graduate of Butler High School and Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts; she was doing secretarial work in the Mayo Brothers Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, until 1926, when she became historian for the Mills Memorial Hospital at San Mateo, California.; Clarence Buxton, a graduate of Butler High School, class of 1924, is now a Pre Med student in the University of Pennsylvania; and Martha Helen, attends Butler High School.

Doctor Caldwell is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and is identified with the Masonic Lodge, the Washington Lodge No. 253, F. & A. M.; Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter No. 162, and Tancred Commandery No. 48, Knights Templar; the Syria A. A. O. N. M. S. Pittsburgh, and also Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, Royal and Select Master Mason, Pittsburgh, 32nd degree, Pennsylvania Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh, Pa. He is a Republican.

Rev. Leonard Stenger, who has served as pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church of Butler since 1907, is one of the widely known and highly esteemed men of Butler County. He was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1869, and is the son of John and Mary (Horn) Stenger.

After completing his early schooling in Johnstown, Leonard Stenger entered St. Vincent's College and Seminary, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1896. His first assignment was at St. Mary's Church in Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he remained for almost two years. He then spent several years at St. Joseph's Church in Pittsburgh, and was later transferred to Monaca, Pennsylvania. He has been in Butler as pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church since 1907.

J. Merle McCandless, druggist, is a leading citizen of Butler and a member of one of the city's prominent pioneer families. He was born here, March 13, 1881, and is the son of Dr. W. C. and Catherine (Grubbs) McCandless.

Dr. W. C. McCandless has for many years been a leading physician and surgeon of Butler, where he is now practicing medicine. Mrs. McCandless is deceased.

J. Merle McCandless attended the public and high schools of Butler and Grove City College. He left school to serve in the Spanish-American War, and was a member of Company E, 15th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After the close of the war Mr. McCandless completed his schooling at Washington & Jefferson College. He has engaged in business in Butler since 1903 and owns one of the finest and most popular drug stores in the city.

Mr. McCandless married Miss Brice A. West, of Butler. They have no children.

Mr. McCandless is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Elks lodge.

George V. Glenn, postmaster and general merchant of East Butler, is a substantial and well known citizen of the community in which he lives. He was born at Grove City, Pa., October 30, 1880, and is the son of Archibald and Anna M. (Albin) Glenn.

Archibald Glenn, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Pine Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and spent the greater part of his life in Findley Township, Mercer County, as a general farmer and stockman. He served in the Civil War with the 57th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded in action. He died in 1901 and his wife, also a native of Mercer County, died in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn had three children: Nancy, married Rev. Arthur Stewart, lives at LaPorte, Ind.; John A., lives on the old homestead in Mercer County; and George V., the subject of this sketch.

George V. Glenn secured his education in the district schools of Findley Township and also attended Grove City College. At an early

age he entered the employ of the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad. He has lived at East Butler since 1912, where he is associated in the general mercantile business with C. H. Welch, who resides in Grove City. Mr. Glenn has served as postmaster since 1920 and is one of the reliable business men of the city.

On November 15, 1906, Mr. Glenn was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Maude Welch, of Grove City, Pennsylvania, the daughter of C. H. and Flora Welch. They have four children: Maxwell, attends Grove City College; Bruce, Helen, and David, all at home.

Mr. Glenn is prominent in politics and is a Republican. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and is a 32nd degree Mason.

Col. N. J. Maxwell, grandfather of Jennie Maude (Welch) Glenn, was a leading citizen of Grove City, Pennsylvania. He served throughout the Civil War with the rank of colonel and was attached to the 100th Regular Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. For many years he served as commander of the Erie Sailors & Soldiers Home.

Charles S. McClelland, M. D., has been engaged in his steadily broadening service as a physician and surgeon for the past 30 years, of which 16 years has been in Butler, Pennsylvania. He was born at Glade Mills, Butler County, July 23, 1871, the son of Dr. Robert C. and Anna E. (Dinsmore) McClelland.

Robert C. McClelland was born in Manchester, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He practiced his profession at Glade Mills until his death, which occurred in 1877. His wife, a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, died in 1902. They were the parents of five children: Lydia, married Mr. Snyder. He is deceased; Grace married H. H. Smith, lives at Delta, Colo.; W. J., lives on the old homestead; H. C., lives at Glade Mills; and C. S., the subject of this sketch.

Charles S. McClelland attended Girard College, Philadelphia, at an early age, and was graduated from that college when he was seventeen. He remained at home for several years and then studied medicine at the Western University of Pennsylvania, now the University of Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1897. He immediately began the practice of his profession at Glade Mills, and

removed to Butler in 1910. His offices are located at 120 South Washington Street.

Doctor McClelland was married to Miss Bertha McClay of East Brady, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Crawford and Jane (Steele) McClay. Mr. McClay is deceased. To Doctor and Mrs. McClelland two daughters have been born: Lydia C. and Jessie E., both attending Butler High School.

Doctor McClelland is a close student of his calling and keeps fully abreast of its numerous advancements. He is a member of the Butler County and the Pennsylvania State Medical societies, and the American Medical Association. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church.

J. W. Wright, proprietor of Wright's Sulphur Vapor Baths, whose place of business is located at 131 East Diamond Street, Butler, was born in Butler County, April 6, 1880, the son of Alexander and Hannah (Maxwell) Wright.

Alexander Wright, deceased, was born on a farm five miles south of Butler, where his father, a native of Ireland, settled in the early days. He at one time owned 500 acres of land in Butler County. Alexander Wright followed farming and died in 1911. His widow, now 74 years of age, resides in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Wright eleven children were born: W. C., Mary, Ada, Florence, Charles, Martha, J. W., P. W., H. A., L. O. and Bessie.

J. W. Wright attended public school No. 4 in Jefferson Township, and then worked on the home farm until he was 18 years of age. He then learned the trade of a baker and worked for the White Bakery and Jenkins Bakery. For several years he was connected with the Standard Steel Car Company. In 1919 he established his present business in which he has met with well deserved success.

Mr. Wright married Miss May Neyman, of Butler, and they have three children: Esther, Guy and Wayne.

Mr. Wright is a Republican and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Butler.

Harry A. Werth, who is well known as the manager of the *Butler Record*, was born in this city, October 28, 1870, the son of Christian and Barbara (Weisner) Werth.

Christian Werth was born in Leipsig, Germany, in 1840. He was 17 years of age when he emigrated to this country with his parents, who first settled in Baltimore, Maryland. He learned the shoemaker's trade and came to Butler when he was 30 years of age, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1915. Mrs. Werth was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and now lives in Tarentum, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Werth were the parents of four children: Emma, married Oscar E. Stark, lives in Tarentum, Pennsylvania.; Christina, lives in Butler; Harry A., the subject of this sketch; and W. A., lives in Butler.

Harry A. Werth was educated in the schools of Butler and began his apprenticeship in the office of the Times Publishing Company of Butler, where he learned the printer's trade. He was employed by this concern for 19 years, when he resigned in 1922 to accept his present position.

On August 17, 1898, Mr. Werth was married to Miss Edith A. Jenks, a daughter of Walter A. and Mary Ann (Findon) Jenks, residents of Butler. Mr. Jenks is deceased and his widow lives in Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Werth a daughter has been born, Dorothy, who lives at home.

Mr. Werth is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church and also holds membership in the Lions Club, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and U. C. T. Politically he is a Republican.

J. E. Spanglehour, who is identified with the Slippery Rock Motor Company, is an enterprising and successful business man of Butler County. He was born at Hillsville, in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1878, and is the son of Joseph and Eunice (Smith) Spanglehour.

Joseph Spanglehour, who lives retired, is a native of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. During his active career he was connected with the Pittsburgh Limestone Quarries as superintendent. His wife

was also born at Hillsville. Mr. and Mrs. Spanglehour have two children: Austie, married Charles Waddel, lives at New Castle, Pennsylvania; and J. E., the subject of this sketch.

J. E. Spanglehour grew up at Hillsville and attended the public schools there. He also attended business college at Fayette, Pennsylvania. For some time he was employed by the G. W. Johnson Limestone Company at Hillsville as foreman, and later served as assistant to the general superintendent of the Sharon Coal & Limestone Company at North Liberty, Pennsylvania, for 12 years. Mr. Spanglehour then became interested in the automobile business at Grove City, Pennsylvania, and in September, 1926, organized the Slippery Rock Motor Company. He has the agency for the Chevrolet automobile in Butler County, excluding the city of Butler, and also has territory in Lawrence and Mercer counties.

On December 28, 1899, Mr. Spanglehour was married to Miss Sarah Daniels, of Rose Point, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. They have five children: Joseph, lives at Los Angeles, California; Marguerite, married Clarence Orr, lives at Meadville, Pennsylvania; Edith, Helen, and Frank, all at home.

Mr. Spanglehour is independent in politics. He has a wide acquaintance throughout Butler County and is a dependable citizen of the community.

Rev. William E. Schramm, pastor of the Lutheran Church, is among the widely known and highly respected citizens of Butler. He was born at Marietta, Ohio, March 18, 1869, and is the son of Theobald and Elizabeth (Scisler) Schramm.

Rev. William E. Schramm attended the public schools of Columbus and in 1896 was graduated from the Lutheran Seminary of Capital University. He then went to Pittsburgh, where he served as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for 25 years. On September 1, 1920, Reverend Schramm came to Butler, where he is now located. His parish and church are at 106 S. Washington Street.

In July, 1896, Reverend Schramm was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Weisman, of Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of John P. and Anna L. (Frankenburg) Weisman. They have five children, as

follows: Rev. Edward W., a graduate of the Lutheran Seminary of Capital University, is now pastor of the Faith Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Ohio, married Miss Ruth Heim, of Columbus and they have a son, William Edward, II; Rev. Milton H., a graduate of the Lutheran Seminary of Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, is now a missionary in India in charge of a high school at Tirupati; Walter W., news editor of the Toledo (Ohio) Blade, married Iva Showalter; Alice M. and Anna L., both at home.

Reverend Schramm is vice president of the Kiwanis Club and takes an active interest in the affairs of the community in which he lives.

William H. Lose lives retired at Zelienople, where for 25 years he served as superintendent of the Iron City Sanitary Manufacturing Company. He was born at Pittsburgh, October 20, 1849, and is the son of John J. and Elizza J. (Smith) Lose.

John J. Lose was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He was a hatter by trade and for several years owned and operated a shop in Pittsburgh. Later he worked on the river as an engineer between New Orleans and Pittsburgh for the Everson & Preston Company of Pittsburgh. After twelve years in this company's service, Mr. Lose retired and lived in Pittsburgh, where he died at the age of 75 years. He is buried in Elmwood cemetery, Pittsburgh. His wife was born at Freeport, Pennsylvania, and died in 1913, at the age of 92 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Lose were born three children: Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Robert Waddle, Pittsburgh; Anna, the widow of G. B. Milholand, lives in Pittsburgh; and William H., the subject of this sketch.

William H. Lose was reared and educated in Pittsburgh and at an early age learned the pattern making trade, which he followed for 25 years, having lived during this period of time in Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. About 1900 he came to Zelienople and accepted a position with the Iron City Sanitary Manufacturing Company, with whom he was identified for 25 years as superintendent. He has lived retired since 1922.

On March 20, 1875, Mr. Lose was united in marriage with Miss Rhoda Wells, a native of England. She was 12 years old when she

came to the United States with her parents and settled in Pittsburgh. She is the daughter of Thomas and Eliza Wells, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lose had four children: Anna E., married James H. Danver, lives at Zelienople; Jennie O., died at the age of six years; Rex Wells, died at the age of five years; and Morris Graft, died in infancy.

Mr. Lose is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias. He is an excellent citizen of the community and has many friends and acquaintances.

Rev. Jacob M. Wertz, pastor of St. Gregory's Catholic Church at Zelienople, is a widely known and influential citizen of Butler County. He was born in Racine County, Wis., November 10, 1857, and is the son of Reinhard and Johanna (Nunnick) Wertz.

Reinhard Wertz was a native of Rhine, Prussia, born June 24, 1826. He served in the Prussian army from 1847 until 1851, and then came to the United States and settled in Wisconsin. Later he went to Kansas City, Missouri. During the Civil War he served in the Union army. He was married in 1854 in Wisconsin to Miss Johanna Nunnick. To them the following children were born: Lydia, died in 1913, was the wife of Alex Hogg, Tyrone, Pennsylvania; John A., lives at Beachlake, Pennsylvania; Charles R., lives at Tyrone, Pennsylvania; Anna Gertrude, died in 1867; Christina Johanna, died in 1882; Mary, married John Sacrata, lives at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; and Rev. Jacob M., the subject of this sketch. Reinhard Wertz died in 1910 and his wife died in 1908. Both are buried at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Jacob M. Wertz lived near Kansas City, Missouri, during his boyhood and attended St. Mary's College. He then taught school at Glencoe, Minnesota, and later entered Mt. Calvary College in Wisconsin. He went to Tyrone, Pennsylvania, after completing his classical education and while there decided to take up his studies for the priesthood. He entered St. Vincent's Seminary at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and after completing the course of study was ordained on April 17, 1886. Reverend Wertz then served as assistant to Rev. C. A. Mc-

Dermott at Connellsville, Pennsylvania, until January 16, 1888, at which time he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Brad-dock, Pennsylvania. On December 16th of that year he took charge of the Dawson and West Newton (Pennsylvania) Missions. He later spent eight years at St. Josephs' Church at Carnegie, Pennsylvania, and from there was transferred to St. Mary's Church at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, where he spent 21 years. Reverend Wertz has been pastor of St. Gregory's Church at Zelienople since 1920. He has been successful in his undertaking in this diocese and has a large congregation.

Fred Eyles is a leading business man and representative citizen of Zelienople. He was born at Allegheny, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1865, and is the son of Emil A. and Barbara (Jenny) Eyles.

Emil A. Eyles was born in Frankfort, Germany, and came to this country with his parents in young manhood, and settled in Allegheny, where for 18 years he was connected with Hartley Bros., tanners of Pittsburgh. From Pittsburgh he removed to East Palestine, where the remainder of his life was spent, and where for some years he served as postmaster. He served throughout the Civil War as a member of the Forty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and it was from the effects of a bullet wound, received at the battle of Lookout Mountain, that he died in 1888. His wife, who was born in Switzerland, came to the United States when six years old with her father, Baltzahr Jenny, who was one of the early settlers of Allegheny. Her death occurred in 1904, at Allegheny. Mr. and Mrs. Eyles had six children, as follows: Edward, lives at Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Albert, deceased; Fred, the subject of this sketch; Julius, lives at Pittsburgh; Susie, married John Coyne, who is deceased, and she lives at St. Petersburg, Florida; and Amelia, married Dan Rollins, lives at Pontiac, Michigan.

Fred Eyles attended the public schools of the Third Ward, Allegheny, as well as high school. At an early age he became interested in music and was a teacher of music for many years. In 1903 he came to Zelienople and engaged in the piano and musical instrument

business. He retired from this business about 1915, but still has extensive business interests in the city. In 1914 he was identified with the building of the Zelienople Mausoleum and is associated in this undertaking with M. A. Seaton.

On October 15, 1884, Mr. Eyles was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Mendel, a daughter of Henry Mendel, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. They have two sons: Elmer W., lives at Everett, Pennsylvania, married Cora Goettman, and they have a son, Ferd; and Harvey R., lives at Everett, Pennsylvania, married Miss Rhoda Danver.

During the World War Harvey R. Eyles enlisted for service at Pittsburgh, April 18, 1917, and was sent to Camp Hancock, Georgia, and later to England. He served in France in the advance on Ourca Velse from July 28th to September 7th, 1918, and from September 26th to October 7th, 1918, in the Meuse Argonne Drive. He was discharged at Camp Sherman, Ohio, May 13, 1919.

Fred Eyles is a Republican and has served as town clerk of Zelienople since 1924. He is a member of the English Lutheran church and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Modern Woodmen. Mr. Eyles is an excellent citizen and has a wide acquaintance in the community.

H. E. Gilfillan, postmaster of Petersville, is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Butler County. He was born in Clarion County, Pa., March 22, 1890, and is the son of William L. and Clara (Imhoff) Gilfillan.

William L. Gilfillan was born at Tylersburg, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer in early life and later worked at the carpenter trade. He met an accidental death in 1897. His widow, a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, now resides at Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Gilfillan had two children: H. E., the subject of this sketch; and Lindsey, who lives with her mother in Florida.

After completing his schooling, H. E. Gilfillan was interested in the lumber business for several years. He then entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and later conducted a wholesale

and retail milk business at Oil City, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gilfillan then spent about ten years in Florida and upon his return to Pennsylvania engaged in the meat business at Oil City. He has been a resident of Petersville since 1924 and conducts a well patronized general store at this place.

On June 26, 1924, Mr. Gilfillan was married to Miss Stella Hahn, of Oil City, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Isadore and Salinda Hahn. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Oil City.

Mr. Gilfillan is a Republican and holds membership in the Methodist church.

I. S. Jordon, who is successfully engaged in the general mercantile business at Mars, is a representative citizen of Butler County. He was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1848, and is the son of Emanuel and Caroline (Snider) Jordon.

Emanuel Jordon was a native of Germany. He emigrated to this country at an early date and settled in Clarion County, where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. He died at the age of 69 years, and his wife, who was born in Clarion County, died at the age of 70 years. Mr. and Mrs. Jordon had eight children, one of whom died in infancy.

I. S. Jordon spent his boyhood at Dutch Hill, in Clarion County, and remained there until 1871, when he began his career as a teacher. Later, he became interested in the general mercantile business and for the past 33 years he has been located at Mars, where he is still known as a reliable and dependable merchant.

On September 5, 1872, Mr. Jordon was united in marriage with Miss Sadie P. Stewart, of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John and Mary Stewart, both deceased. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jordon, as follows: Arba A., who died in 1925, leaving a widow and a daughter, Alberta, who married Andrew Watters, and they have three children, Frederick J., Guy Lawrence, and Andrew, Jr.; John Steward, died January 11, 1924, leaving a widow, Grace K. Wilson, and a daughter, Helen, who is the wife of William Sutton; M. K., lives at Mars, married Olive Fay Otto, and they have a daughter, Catherine; Carrie May, married Dr. W. L. Beal, of New

Castle, Pennsylvania, and they have a daughter, Dorothy J.; Eytina Belle, married Harry Haman, lives at Aurora, Illinois, and they have a daughter, Harriette; and Nell, married Homer E. Willets, lives at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Jordon has always been a Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is well known in the community.

Dr. Lawrence L. Stepp, who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Valencia, is a veteran of the World War and a prominent citizen of Butler County. He was born at Tarentum, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1891, and is the son of Dr. Lawrence H. and Rosella (Kelley) Stepp.

Lawrence L. Stepp received his early schooling at Glade Mills, Pennsylvania, and in 1909 was graduated from Butler High School. He completed a course of study at Grove City College in 1912 and received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh in 1917. In July, 1918, he volunteered for service in the World War and served with the Medical Corps of the Two Hundred and Fourteenth Engineers at Camp Custer, Michigan. He was discharged in December, 1918, and then engaged in the practice of his profession at Glade Mills, Pennsylvania, until 1920, at which time he removed to Philadelphia. Doctor Stepp has been located at Valencia since 1925 and already has established an excellent practice.

On September 20, 1926 Doctor Stepp was united in marriage with Miss Roma L. Burke, of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Frederick Burke.

Doctor Stepp is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Mars, and belongs to the American Legion and Nu Sigma Nu fraternity.

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